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Greetings!

To be elected President of our great Luther League of America is indeed an honor but more than that it is a responsibility and a privilege. It is a responsibility to our United Lutheran Church to so direct the destinies of the lives of the Luther Leaguers into good Christians and good church members.

It is a privilege to serve our God, our church and our young people. I want to thank you for thus honoring me and giving me this greater opportunity for service.

I solicit your prayers, your co-operation and your active support so that together we may accomplish great things this biennium. I shall endeavor to be true to the trust you have given me.

Best wishes until I have the opportunity of meeting you personally.

Sincerely,

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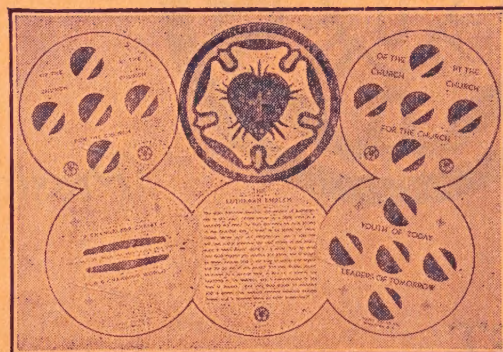
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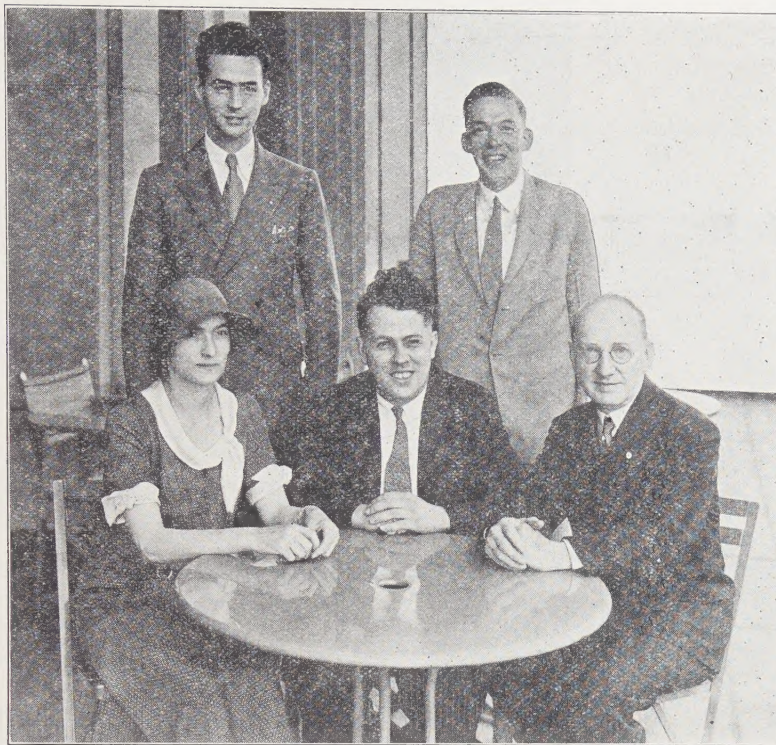
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MISS
WINNIE BUTT
Charleston, S. C.

I am so happy to say "How do you do" to all of the members of our wonderful Luther League of America. It is a privilege to be called to serve as your Missionary Secretary. I only wish that we could have a little chat and talk about the work that we must accomplish together, for we have a great task to do.

The need of the world today for efficiency is also a need in the League. Wanted—efficient, consecrated Leaguers. Won't you "fall in" and help me make the Missionary Department of our League one in which we will truly show our consecration?

TAKE NOTE GET BUSY

By action of the Reading Convention, a campaign for 5000 new subscriptions to the Luther League Review will be conducted during October, beginning with Luther League Day, September 27. Hereafter the campaign will be held in the Fall, rather than in the Spring of the year. Sample copies and subscription blanks will be cheerfully sent on request, free of charge. Write immediately to Luther League of America, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

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 The Speakers for their splendid messages and inspiration
 The Organists, Choirs and Directors
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 The Mayor of the City of Reading
 The Officers, Chairmen and Members of the Committees
 The Leaguers of Berks District
 The Director of Trappe Church Pageant
 The Reading Chamber of Commerce
 And to all who in any way assisted in making the Convention such a great success.

PORTO RICAN CRUISE

The date of the Porto Rican Cruise to dedicate the new Training School for Kindergarten Workers was tentatively set at the National Convention for June 23-July 4, 1932.

Sailing from New York City on a first-cabin liner of the New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company, we start on a delightful eleven-day cruise to "The Islands of Enchantment," Porto Rico and Santo Domingo. Four days will be spent at sea, and shortly after dawn of the fourth day we shall enter the beautiful harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico.

Practically every minute from then until we sail again for New York, June 30, will be filled with excitement, enchantment, and entertainment. The gorgeous tropical vegetation, brawling streams, majestic mountains, and the foreign atmosphere of the little towns will never be forgotten. Morro Castle, the Palace of the Governors, historic fortresses, besides our Lutheran Missions and the new Training School for which we have worked these past two years—all these tend to making it an ideal cruise.

Each month we shall try to tell you a little more regarding the trip, but we advise you to start saving your dimes, nickles and pennies. Less than a year away—a real ocean voyage—if possible, a tropical full moon—a crowd of Luther Leaguers, all bound for the dedication of our new Training School, where native workers will be trained to further the work of our Master. Does it not grip you with a great anticipation?

SUSAN M. KURZENKNABE, Chairman,
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DELEGATE GETS RED TAG—MAYOR'S GOING TO FIX

One day after Mayor J. Henry Stump promised delegates to the Luther League convention he would "take care" of any red tags they got, he had to start fulfilling his promise. W. Wallace Reindollar, of Taneytown, Md., got a tag for parking more than two hours in front of the Y. M. C. A. Luther Schmehl, head of the local committee, forwarded the tag to the Mayor.

An afternoon session of the convention was interrupted one day when a traffic patrolman asked that one of the delegates' cars be removed from in front of the court house site. Big trucks were unable to turn into the drive on account of the machine. Rev. Paul M. Kinports announced from the platform that the owner of the car should move it immediately at the request of the officer. The car was moved. There was no red tag.

And Still More Progress in Porto Rico



Left Hand Row, Reading Down

July 17, 1931

- 1—Interior of first floor showing steel girders being placed into position to support and form the concrete floor.
- 2—Southeast corner showing school proper.
- 3—North wall of school and chapel.
- 4—North wall of chapel.

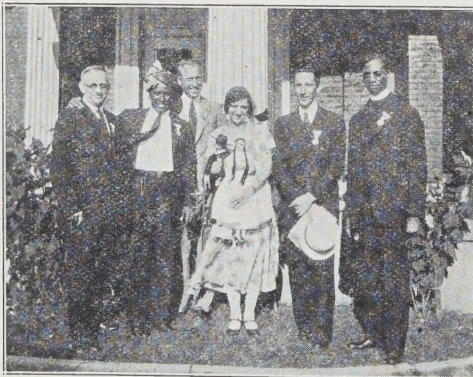
Right Hand Row, Reading Down

July 29, 1931

- 1—North view of school and chapel
 - 2—East wall of school
 - 3—North wall of chapel
 - 4—Southeast corner of school
- Lower Center—Facade (front) of chapel

THE HISTORIC SHOVEL— THE TREE PLANTING

Senorita Carmen M. Villarini brought with her to America from Porto Rico, to the Luther League Convention, the shovel that was used to break ground for the Training School at Monte Flores, which is now under construction. The shovel, which is an ordinary one used by laborers handling earth, achieved fame through its use to break ground for the new building. The shovel was used to plant an American elm tree in the churchyard of Trinity Church as a commemoration of the historic and the great convention of the Luther League. Rev. Hermann F. Miller, pastor of Trinity congregation, conducted a brief service after which Mr. George M. Jones, Esq., of Reading, and a member of Trinity congregation, accepted the tree in behalf of the congregation and spoke of the historic surroundings. Those persons who used the spade in connection with the tree planting were: Carmen Villarini, Junior Secretary of Porto Rico; Clarence C. Dittmer, President of the Luther League of America; Herbert W. Fischer, newly-elected President; Dean May Scherer, Missionary Secretary; Baron von Kirchbach, Representative of the German Youth Movement; Gali Ratnam, of India; Paul M. Kinports, Executive Secretary; Dr. F. F. Fry, Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions; Luther C. Schmehl, Chairman of the Reading Convention Committee; Musser D. White, Missionary Secretary of Pennsylvania; John George Kurzenknabe, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and many of the other officers and members of the League took turns in using the shovel and placing earth about the tree with the prayer of faith that it may grow, that in years it may stand as a memorial to the hands clasped by the Luther Leaguers and the missionary work in Porto Rico for the extension of God's Kingdom.



Nations Clasped Hands at Reading
N. Iwanagi, Japan; Gali Ratnam, India; Rev. Fred Heins, Japan; Miss Corinne Menges, Argentine, South America; Rev. James Soler, Argentine, South America; Rev. Paul West (Virgin Islands), Pastor of Colored Church, Harlem, New York City.

BALANCE DUE ON PORTO RICO OBJECTIVE

There have been a number of inquiries regarding the total amount of money raised on the Porto Rico Objective. The Objective was \$25,000, and at the present date, July 31, 1931, \$24,452 has been paid.

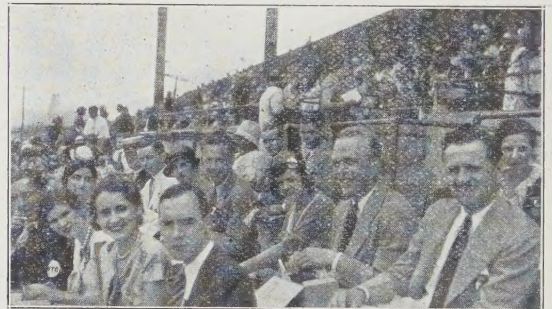
There remains a deficit of \$548 on this Objective. We have the assurance, in fact we know, that Penn-

sylvania State League will reduce this amount by a check for \$300. That will reduce the deficit to \$248.

Let us not be weary in well doing. We have the faith in the Luther League that those State and Synodical Leagues that have not subscribed their full quota to this Objective will make every effort to raise their quota, even though the time has expired for the completing of this Objective. Let us make the effort and "go over the top." Who will do it?

THE SINGING PREACHERS

Rev. T. Benton Peery, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Ralph Robinson, of Lansdowne, Md.; Rev. Walter V. Simon, of Frostburg, Md.; Rev. Carl R. Simon, of Lewistown, Pa., compose this quartet of "Singing Preachers" and how they can sing. They added greatly to the services of the convention not only as a quartet but as leaders in the music at the devotional services. The program of music selections at the Fair Grounds brought rounds of applause and the crowd of persons assembled in the grandstand thoroughly enjoyed the music. They were ever ready to serve when called upon and gave freely of their time and talent to the interests of the Convention. Expressions of appreciation of this Objective. Let us make the effort and "go over the top."



The Singing Preachers and Their Accompanist

JAPANESE PROVERBS

(By Rev. Fred Heins, Missionary to Japan
of the Luther League of New York)

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"Hito shu wo shite ten in katsu." "When combined, men may conquer Heaven."

The men who started to build the tower of Babel were scattered throughout the world, but their descendents are still spreading propaganda in many tongues, are still seeing visions of towers whose pinnacles will scrape the portals of Heaven, are still standing on the sphere of the world and, forgetful of their own dust-speck limitations, look out into the endless reaches of space and say: Man is the king of the universe. Thank God for the failures of science, for the moments when all earthly help bows to defeat, for the mysteries of life which foil the knitted brows of the most learned, for the despair in the quest for the Fountain of Youth and a factory for life cells, for every chestnut burr which nestles in the bed of man and makes him awake from the stupor of smug complacency to a renewed realization of his need for God. Psalm 2:4.

Tree Planting Scenes at Reading



Top Left: Pastor Hermann F. Miller conducting the opening service.

Top Right: Missionary Secretary May Scherer turning the third shovel of earth.

Center Left: Carmen Villarini reading the Porto Rico Greeting that was attached to the shovel. Note the Luther League Ribbon in five colors.

Center: President Dittmer accepting the shovel in the name of the Luther League of America.

Center Right: General scene at tree planting.

Bottom Left: George M. Jones, Esq., accepting the tree in the name of Trinity Church.

Bottom Center: Executive Secretary Paul M. Kinports turning his shovel of earth.

Bottom Right: President Dittmer accepting Carmen Villarini's greeting and Porto Rico's contribution to their Training School of One Hundred Dollars.

BARON ARNDT VON KIRCHBACH

Baron Arndt von Kirchbach, minister at the Cathedral in Dresden, Germany; student pastor for the city, one of the Secretaries of the Second Lutheran World Convention at Copenhagen, editor of the German Edition of the proceedings of the Lutheran World Convention, leader of the Lutheran Youth of Germany.

The Baron opened by bringing the Greetings of the Youth Movement of Saxony, of which he is the Executive Secretary, by reason of his position in Dresden as the student pastor connected with the Protestant Cathedral of that city.



Baron Arndt von Kirchbach with Mrs. Robert J. Wolf and Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, Junior Chairman of the Luther League of Pennsylvania

He expressed his sincere appreciation of the privilege of coming into contact with "such a remarkable and representative gathering of American Lutherans," and told them his desire that he may learn from the American Lutheran Church. "The earnestness and thoroughness with which you build your organization and the atmosphere and spirit in which the common problems of the State and society and church are approached."

"There are questions of modern art, in building, printing, music, painting and social activity in times of universal distress which the Lutheran Church has a very distinct contribution to make. In Germany there is a new thrill of positiveness and reality in faith, and I believe it is the Christian who can best interpret that spirit to the masses. It is to us that the Church must gird herself to make her impression on the present situation."

Baron Arndt von Kirchbach declared that the new antagonist of the Church is the movement, of which the Soviet is the chief exponent, toward a civilization without God. He points out that this is an active movement against which there are no barriers, because they use not alone the printing press, but the wireless.

"However, it is unkind to fight only the Russian spirit, for it is not alone among the working men that you will find this spirit, but go through intellectual, official and social quarters, and you will find that God has practically disappeared from men's thinking and living. But remember that this enemy of godless life, finds its best ally in the indecision and half-heartedness of many so-called Christians. So you see it is among us also, excitingly near to our own hearts."

Baron Arndt von Kirchbach thinks that anti-Christ is personified in this godless propaganda, from no matter what source it may come. He declared that the Lutheran Church is well fitted to oppose this godless movement, because it has the deepest knowledge of sin, the deepest knowledge of redemption and the deepest dependence upon God.

Referring to the downfall of the Russian Church, and the religious disturbances in Italy, and Spain, he reminded his hearers that "The form of a church can never guarantee the working of the Holy Spirit, and that these and other situations make clearer to universal reality of sin."

"The very term, 'Russian experiment,' shows that while they have a conviction that their way must be right, they are not quite sure. We have the knowledge that Christianity is right, but this proof you must get in your own life.

"The Russian experiment is based on the theory that man can do all things, because he is a man. Christian teaching and living declares that man can do things through Christ who strengthens him. This Christian knowledge is no inferiority complex, but a conquering superiority complex.

"We Lutherans are a waiting people—waiting for the Kingdom of Christ to come. Neither prohibition or democracy or plans of the Kingdom of God, we may enjoy any of these blessings. We will want to give them to the large number of our fellow men; but we are not fixing our hope of universal redemption upon them."

Times of depression, unrest and hardship are not so much definite evidence of the last time as they are encouragements to Christians to value the lasting things more highly. "God speaks to us in the daily tasks He gives us, in the claim of our surroundings, in the special duties of family, profession and nation. Faith in the advent of Christ is not to make us despise daily work, but on the contrary to spur us to punctual and faithful carrying out of our duties."

"It is a Lutheran weakness to see teaching—theology—very clearly, and then to overlook life and its claims, so I am asking the question, Is the Lutheran Church preparing to meet this exceptional situation offered by the great world movement?"

"The first answer, please mark, the first answer must come from the Christian as to his personal Christian faith. Cheerful seriousness in personal life, leads to contagious seriousness in our outward duties.

"The second answer must come from the Church itself, after the first answer has been given by you Lutheran young people."

The Baron closed his impassioned address with an earnest plea for the enlargement of unity of action by the Lutherans of the world, which has been begun through the Lutheran World Convention. This movement has held two World Conferences since the war, one at Eisenach, and the other in Copenhagen in 1929, and now has its headquarters in New York City, with Rev. Dr. John Moorehead as the Executive Director.

OHIO-MARYLAND JUNIOR WORKERS' DINNER

On Monday evening at the Thomas Jefferson Tea Room about fifty workers assembled to celebrate Ohio's victory over Maryland in a contest for twenty new Junior Leagues.

Maryland arranged the program, and Edith Menkel was in charge. Singing was a feature, the room ringing with the many songs following in rapid succession.

Greetings were brought by Austin Howard, President of the Maryland League, and Donald Schrag, Ohio's President.

Mrs. Rena Whiteleather and Sister Alma spoke for Ohio, and "Uncle Amos" (Rev. A. J.) Traver, two Maryland Juniors, and several others brought the Maryland greetings.

"The Dreamer"—the Junior Secretary, spoke a few words, and more singing closed the happy get together.

Both states are now resolved to come to the fore in Junior work.

EXCERPTS FROM ADDRESS OF REV. FREDERICK H. KNUBEL, D.D., LL.D., PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dr. Knubel said that three realities were before him as he spoke—the Church whose greeting he is bringing, the nation whose birthday we are celebrating, and the hosts of youth represented before him who hold the future of both the Church and the nation. "My appeal," he said, "is for the loyalty of youth to the Church and to the nation. The two loyalties are inseparable. The true Christian is the true and only patriot."

To prove this assertion he called attention to the fact that Jesus was an enthusiastic patriot. We properly regard Jesus as the world's Man, with the whole of humanity in His heart. It is, however, a great mistake if we fail to note His devotion to His own nation. At some of the periods when He was uttering the most universal truths He definitely upheld the peculiar glory of the Jewish nation.

The center of the patriotism of Jesus was His recognition of God in His nation's life. This is ever the heart of genuine patriotism. The atheist cannot be a full patriot, and the spread of atheism, of godless communism in our land undermines the foundations of our country's existence. It is a satisfaction to note that the great circles of influence in our land stand resolutely against the introduction from Russia or from any other source of atheistic ideas. The circles of education, of statesmanship, and of labor in America enter into the call for the recognition of God in America's life. This fact, however, that such a recognition of God is essential to patriotism reveals the truth that loyalty to the Church and loyalty to the nation are in this respect one and the same thing. The Church is essential to America's life. Let youth glorify them both in its heart.

The recognition of God means the recognition of the idea of mercy. God's presence in the world as it is must be a revelation of mercy. Our true joy in America must not be manifested by pride over her possessions, but by our recognition of the undeserved mercies we have received and by our readiness to be merciful towards the needs of all nations. God is in their life also. The recent suggestion of President Hoover for a postponement of the payment of international debts is fundamentally an act of mercy.

To recognize God is to recognize also the idea of steadiness, of persistency. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Loyalty to the Church and nation must be clear not only on great religious and national holidays, but in the steadiness of daily life. Not the kissing of the flag and the cheering of it constitute patriotism, but daily nobility and obedience to law and adherence to our national ideals. Not mere words of devotion, but the patient understanding of the Church and her faith and her work reveal loyalty to the Church. The recognition of God means also the adoption of unselfishness as the fundamental way of life. He is the churchman and the patriot who is not asking what he can get from the Church and the nation, but what he can give to them both.

This, then, is a day when the idealism of youth must see anew the unseen, and in the reality of Jesus Christ must be sure of the mercy and steadiness and unselfishness of God. Then loyalty to Church and to nation will abound.



Scene from Old Trappe Church Pageant on the Reading Fair Grounds, July 4, 1931

REV. M. L. STIREWALT, D.D., PASTOR OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

"The Youth of our country is brought to our attention today in a double sense. The nation's birthday and a Convention of the youth of our country remind us of the youthfulness of the nation. America's contribution is in the advancing of an ideal of liberty. In our ideal, liberty is a divine endowment rather than a mere human achievement; for all rather than for a few; a priceless possession rather than an exchangeable commodity; and the opportunity to become rather than a license for indulgence and selfish aggrandizement. In order to continue this ideal of liberty it is essential that it be interwoven with virtue. In this patriotic adventure the youth of our country may share."

The speaker declared that the Bible contributes to the making and the realization of the Dreams of Youth.

"The Dreams of which we speak are the free and unaffected responses of pure-minded, thoughtful, and whole-hearted individuals to the challenges of life. For such Dreams the Bible contributes basic material and spirit. The Bible is the greatest original source book for religion in the world. It presents distinctive areas of knowledge. The truth and the spirit of the Bible are invaluable."

"The idealism and the high standard of life offered in the Bible stimulate the youth of our country to strive for higher living. To plan a life without taking an account of these materials would be unreasonable."

"The Bible also contributes to the realization of the Dreams of Youth. It aids in the integration of personality. Traits and strengths of personality are properly related to one another through the teachings of the Bible."

"The Bible gives inspiration to fulfill Dreams. The Christian religion lays no restrictions on pure pleasures. It provides proper restraint and abundant encouragement for life. Our country and her youth need motive power for the adventures of righteous living. There is no better way to achieve success in individual and national life than through the use of the motive powers which are available in the religion of the Bible."

"America is adolescent. The unparalleled achievement of numerous and varied strengths requires an equal development of controls through which strengths may be used properly. Law, education, and religion provide necessary controls, but the greatest of these is religion. The attention of the nation is being given to the development of law and education. It rests with the Church to secure a more general appreciation of the religion of the Bible for the saving and the control of life."

SOME JUNIOR CONVENTIONERS



The Kitchen Band that played at the Junior Sessions. Note the clever uniforms and their smiles. They do things in Junior Work down Reading way.

READING PICTURES

Many of the pictures that are shown in this issue of the Review are due to the kindness of Rev. Robert J. Wolf, our Intermediate Secretary. If any Leaguer wishes prints, order them from him at League Headquarters. Price, ten cents each, cash with order. There are about thirty prints in the set.

THE PREFACE OF THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To Members of the Executive Committee:

At your meeting held in Philadelphia, January 13, 1931, you elected me to become the General Secretary of the Luther League of America. In doing this you have honored me with one of the highest gifts of the Church at your command. In accepting the call extended to me, I have recognized the call of God through the youth of the Church to this important office in our beloved Luther League and in the United Lutheran Church. I feel deeply the responsibility of this office and with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I shall do my best and all within my power to promote the interests of the Luther League, that the program which the League presents may be educational in furthering the life of the church and aiding the youth to become more consecrated in their life to the service of our Lord.

I assumed the office of General Secretary on May 1, 1931. These two months have been the busiest two months in my ministry. Each day and the greater part of the night were spent in familiarizing myself with the work of the office, the materials at our disposal for the furtherance of our program, reading minutes, writing topics, etc. In connection with the work at Headquarters, the work of the field called us to attend the meetings of the Allegheny Synod and Ministerium of Pennsylvania; the conventions of the New York State League; the Philadelphia and Brooklyn Districts; a Branch Rally and a Branch Devotional Service of the Philadelphia District; made three trips to Reading to confer with the Reading Convention Committee and assisted in the organization of three new Leagues.

I wish to note for the records the splendid co-operation of those who serve with me in Headquarters. Mr. Wolf, Miss Mehlhouse, Mrs. Herwig and Miss Franz. They have been most considerate of our position as a novice in this office and have given their kind assistance, have shown a fine Christian spirit toward one who needed their co-operation. To President Dittmer and our most gracious Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, John George Kurzenknabe, I express my sincere and heartfelt thanks for their efficient and willing assistance. I wish also to express my deep appreciation to Mr. Harry Hodges for his kind advice and assistance in the many problems confronting me since I have assumed my office. His source of information on Luther League work seems unlimited.

It is not my purpose to present a report to this committee since my term of office as your General Secretary is but two months and it is but six months since the last meeting of this committee in Philadelphia.

It is simply my purpose at this time to present some matters that are of great concern, we believe, in the work of the League and the fulfilling of her purpose in the Church of which she is an integral part. We hope you will give serious and prayerful consideration to these matters.

The nine items presented in the report were adopted by the Executive Committee and either referred to the Convention and are inclosed in the report of the Resolutions Committee or were referred to the Ways and Means Committee with power to act upon these items.

The New Executive Committee

BIENNIUM JULY 1931 to JULY 1933



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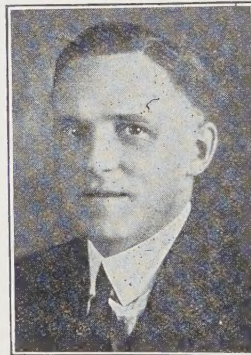
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THE DISCUSSION GROUPS

In a large convention such as the Luther League of America the only opportunity given the delegates for discussion were in these groups. The discussion groups proved very interesting and helpful. The delegates selected the group and in the majority of cases attended all three sessions of the group they selected. The groups were arranged and presided over as follows:

I—Social Problems

REV. F. E. REISSIG
Rochester, N. Y.

1. Christ and Modern Life
2. Christ and Race
3. Christ and War

II—Educational Methods

MISS ETHEL TUSSING
New York Synod Secretary

1. Better Devotionals
2. Reading Courses and Study Groups
3. Worker's Handbook

III—Local Officers

MR. AUSTIN W. HOWARD
President, Luther League of Maryland Synod

1. Meetings
2. Finances
3. Publicity

IV—Missionary Department

MISS MAY SCHERER
Missionary Secretary

1. Missionary Program
2. Missionary Information
- Missionary Methods
- Mission Study
3. Missionary Giving
- Missionary Objectives

V—Life Service Department

REV. CLARENCE A. PORTZ
Life Service Secretary

1. Vocational Guidance
2. Avocational Service
3. Personal Evangelism

VI—Personal Problems

REV. LLOYD MERLE WALLICK
Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church, Drexel Hill, Pa.

1. Vocational
2. Social
3. Intellectual

VII—Junior Department

MISS BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE
Junior Secretary

1. a. Materials - - - Miss Mehlhouse
- b. Work of Junior Officers - - - Mr. Fuhr
2. Junior Rally at Grace Church
3. a. Methods - - - Miss Gusk
- b. How to Use Junior Literature - Miss Blomquist

VIII—Intermediate Department

REV. ROBERT J. WOLF
Intermediate Secretary

1. Program
2. Intermediate Rally at St. James' Church
3. Activities

IX—Pastors' Problems

REV. RUDOLPH G. SCHULZ, Jr.
Ohio Synod Secretary

1. League Meetings
2. Personal Youth Problems
3. Fellowship with Youth

X—Social Problems

MRS. S. T. PETERSON
Chicago, Ill.

1. Leadership
2. Programs
3. Preparation and Materials

GREETINGS FROM PORTO RICO

Greetings to the Nineteenth Biennial Convention were sent and read to the convention assembled from the Texas State Luther League, the Springfield, Ohio, Federation of Luther Leagues, Luther League of Canada, Christiana Luther League, Rowan County, N. C.; Mr. P. Walter Banker, former President of the Luther League of America; The National Lutheran Council, the Luther League of Argentina, and from Porto Rico. These greetings were received by the convention and proper recognition given them in the report of the resolutions committee. We record one of these greetings as it concerns the feeling of the Porto Rico ministers and missionaries at Monte Flores toward the League for the money raised for the new building.

To the Luther League of America in Convention Assembled:

Greetings

in the name of the Lord to whom we all owe allegiance. We rejoice with you as you gather in great numbers and with great enthusiasm to consider God's blessings on your work of the past biennium and to lay plans to work together with God to make the next two years really significant as years of vision and fulfillment, realizing as you do that it is Christ who fulfills, and that without Him all your accomplishments would be empty and in vain. It is with grateful hearts that we, the ministers and missionaries of the Porto Rico Mission of the United Lutheran Church in America, send you this word of greeting, for it is you Luther Leaguers who have given us the splendid new building that is rising on the crest of Monte Flores. You are Christ's instruments in the fulfillment of one of our fondest dreams. May God bless you of the Luther League of America, and grant you grace to carry on in the magnificent mission that is yours! May He grant us grace to carry on in the great mission that is ours! May your beautiful gift to this beautiful island ever be instrumental in bringing to yearning hearts the gospel of the Christ who is risen, who lives, and who fulfills the gracious promises of redemption for all mankind!

EDUARDO ROIG

GUSTAV K. HUF

SALUSTIANO HERNANDEZ

ALFREDO OSTROM

FRIEDA M. HOH, R.N.

BALBINO GONZALEZ

WILLIAM J. ARBAUGH

GUILLEMO E. MARRERO

SERGIO COBIAN

CARMEN M. VILLARINI

Given at San Juan, Porto Rico, this twenty-fifth day of June, 1931, by authority of the Executive Committee of the Lutheran Missionary Conference of Porto Rico.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US!

A word from the Secretary Manager of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Reading:

"For many months we have been in contact with the arrangements for the convention, even from the very start when we wrote letters, sent telegrams, co-operating with the local committee. The arrival of this fine group of young men and women was like the fulfillment of a promise. In this case the realization even surpassed the anticipation of the pleasure. Speaking frankly and with no desire to just extend good wishes in the manner in which flowers are sometimes given, I have never seen a more wholesome and inspiring group of young people than the members of the Luther League who came as delegates. I saw them gather on the lawn at Trinity Church and stopped to enjoy that inspiring sight. Later on I saw them in the lobbies of our hotels and on the streets looking our town over."

HENRY E. BODINE

YOUTH

Not theirs to question or to hesitate
When once they hear the challenge and the call;
Not theirs the doubting mood that like a pall
Lies on our hearts; they ponder not their fate,
Nor are they wise like us to speculate
Of loss or gain. Like flame upheaping they
Their answer make, and laughing march away,—
To new-born worlds their lives are dedicate.

And we, O God, shall we no longer dare
To follow wavering banners of a dream?
Shall we not still their questing spirit share
In high adventure faithful to the gleam?

O God of Youth, when Thy far bugles blow,
Gird Thou our sinews and our souls to go!
—Clyde McGee

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP FUND

January 1 to July 31, 1931

League	Quota	Memberships		Alumni (Gift)
		Sustain.	Contrib.	
*Alabama	\$ 10.00	\$12.45	\$1.00	
Northern California	20.00	20.00		
Southern California	50.00	15.00	16.00	\$5.00
*Columbia District	20.00	15.00	14.00	25.00
Connecticut	50.00	25.00		15.00
Florida	25.00	5.00	6.00	
*Georgia	25.00	20.00	10.00	
Illinois	250.00	185.00	24.00	15.00
Indiana Synod	100.00	35.00	13.00	20.00
Iowa	70.00	35.00	19.00	5.00
Kansas	30.00	15.00	9.00	
Maryland	350.00	135.00	141.00	50.00
Michigan	50.00	15.00	7.00	
Minnesota	70.00	40.00	1.00	
Mississippi	10.00	5.00		
German Nebraska	10.00	5.00	1.00	
*Nebraska	100.00	40.00	46.00	15.00
*New Jersey	75.00	85.00	42.00	15.00
*New York	900.00	445.00	315.40	335.00
North Carolina	300.00	120.00	9.00	25.00
Ohio	200.00	126.00	38.00	30.00
*Pacific Northwest	10.00	10.00		
Pennsylvania	1,800.00	770.00	321.00	500.00
*Rocky Mountain Synod ..	10.00			10.00
*South Carolina	200.00	140.10	59.25	40.00
*Texas	40.00	25.00	23.00	15.00
*Virginia	100.00	200.00	56.00	30.00
West Virginia	25.00	20.00	2.00	
Wisconsin	100.00	50.00	18.00	5.00
Others:				
Nova Scotia				
Canada Synod		5.00	6.00	5.00

	\$5,000.00	\$2,618.55	\$1,197.65	\$1,160.00
*Met Quota	\$2,618.55			
	1,197.65			
	1,160.00			
	\$4,976.20			
	75.00	received for 1930 quotas		
	\$5,051.20			
	21.00	of the above came in 1930 for 1931 quotas		
	\$5,030.20			

ASK DR. KNUBEL

Here is an opportunity for the youth of the Church to ask of the President of the United Lutheran Church to answer for them some question that confronts them in their lives. You may send these questions to the League Headquarters and they will be forwarded to Dr. Knubel. Why not gather the members of the League at some home and enjoy the message and the question and answer period during this Radio Hour?

A contribution from a League will also be appreciated by the committee sponsoring this broadcast.

The U. L. C. A.'s Radio Hour

Dr. F. H. Knubel, President of the United Lutheran Church in America, will be the radio speaker in the National Religious Forum Hour on nine Sundays, from August 16 to October 11 inclusive, from four to five o'clock (Eastern Daylight Time). He will be heard over WEAf and associated stations, which cover a large portion of the country and arrangements are being completed for linking in European stations.

The hour will include not only an address by Dr. Knubel, but a question and answer period for which Leaguers are invited to send questions of a religious or moral nature to Dr. Knubel for answer over the radio.

A sponsoring committee has been organized with Mr. A. J. Prigge as chairman, E. Clarence Miller, LL.D., Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Charles H. Dahmer, Treasurer. Though the National Broadcasting Company contributes the time and its facilities, the expenses of music, etc., must be met by private contributions. The amount necessary for the nine Sundays is about \$4,500.

Any contribution is acceptable and all those who are interested in this country-wide service of the United Lutheran Church through its President are invited to participate. Checks may be made out to the Dr. Knubel Radio Committee and sent to the same at 71 West Twenty-third Street, New York City. No appeal will be made over the air for funds.

NOTICE

At the Pennsylvania State Convention held at Hazleton, Pa., a large volume of autographs, signatures, and greetings was presented to the retiring President, John George Kurzenknabe. This volume was made up of looseleaf sheets, which had been sent to Luther League friends all over United States and Canada. The book is a valuable possession, but to date some of the pages have not been returned. If you have not sent yours, please do so, for John George is expecting it. If you were missed, and wish to add something, just ask me to send you a sheet. There is still room.

MISS SUSAN KURZENKNABE,
247 Emerald Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

CARMEN VILLARINI'S ADDRESS

(Editor's Note: Miss Villarini was present as the official delegate from Porto Rico.)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is indeed a great privilege for me to be among you and still more so to address you to-night.

It is not my intention to make a speech. I am only going to give you a brief summary of a few things I consider of interest about our mission field. This paper makes no pretense at being a complete presentation of the work of the Lutheran Church in Porto Rico. It is merely a rough pencil sketch dashed off in bold and heavy strokes, merely to emphasize the prominent and outstanding features of a work that has been years in the making.

The native of Spain and more properly of Castille, from all points of view is the entity genuinely representative of the Porto Rican people. Therefore the fundamental ethical element of the Island's society is Castilian. Besides, the Island experienced the splendid results of considerable immigration composed of noble, well educated, moneyed families, which contributed notably towards the financial, intellectual, agricultural, and social development of the country.

As regards class or quality (to use the proper though unfashionable technical expression) we must remember that almost all the conquerors and settlers were *Hidalgos* (noble gentlemen) as were all the conquerors of America, this being the only class capable of carrying out the military, political, purposes of the conquest and population of the new lands.

As to the other races living with the whites in Porto Rico I must give the following facts. The Indian population found in Porto Rico could have in no manner exceeded 7,000 or 8,000. This number was reduced by war, emigration, and especially by epidemic diseases appearing among them, prominent among which was smallpox. By reason of their ignorance of the malady a terrible mortality ensued, and the Indian population became exceedingly small; but they were not wholly eliminated. There were left therefore a sufficient number to allow this extremely interesting race to live, theirs being the best title to the soil of the land.

Even today full-blooded specimens are not rare and in exchange for the Indians quasi extinction as a pure race they have multiplied extraordinarily by mixing with the white race, the result being that caste of peasants (*jibaros*) possessing a pallid white skin, strong wiry hair, high cheek bones, thick lips and a large fleshy mouth, which shows clearly the mixture of the conqueror and the conquered.

I must state that in speaking of the *jibaro* with an admixture of Indian blood, this should not be understood of all *jibaros*. On the contrary, the great majority of them are pure white.

As to the negroes, the other race living with the whites in Porto Rico; their African origin and how they were brought to the island as slaves from the coast of Guinea, where they were already in slavery, are things well known to all, but I should add that the pure black race has not multiplied in Porto Rico. Its number has been stationary with a tendency to diminish. This has not been because of virtual lack of prolific power, but because of incessant crossing with the mixed types, and even with the whites themselves, in the blacks aspiration for racial improvement. This fact makes the black race numerically inferior to the advantage of the mixed race, the number of whose members grows larger every day since to its own offspring are added the mulattoes produced by the inevitable contact of certain members of the two pure races.

Summarizing this point I should say that three pure races and their crosses live in Porto Rico, but the proportion of the pure white race as compared with the entire population is considerable and grows larger each day, it being noticeable that such sections of the island as are totally or almost exclusively inhabited by whites are the most prolific, and constantly produce an excess of population. This is true to such an extent that from such sections there is a continuous migration to other regions.

Thus we have that at the time of the American invasion these were the ethical conditions existing. The culture and civilization of the conquerors and colonizers had been absorbed by the people; the 400 years of Spanish domination has left the Spanish influence everywhere in buildings, bridges, roadways, the plaza about which each town is built, the churches and the people themselves. Spanish is the native tongue of the people, the traditions are Spanish as are the customs.

Soon after the American occupation marked changes were noticed and the people began to absorb the American culture to advantage, since two high cultures made of the Porto Ricans a people easy to educate on new principles and ideals. Since 1917 we are American citizens and against the established scheme of centuries a Northern modernizing influence has projected itself, the best external evidence being the public school.

As to religion a great majority of the Porto Ricans are Roman Catholics by tradition but not in the practice, that is they called themselves Catholics, but never or very seldom attend church or care about religious affairs. So the work of the Protestant Church has centered among the children and young people. Parents being indifferent they send their children where they see they would be better cared for.

The young people find in the Protestant Churches the friendship of well-educated ministers, the opportunity for socialization, as they become members of the various clubs and Associations of the Church, and more so they are attracted by the democratic, simple and truly religious spirit, which exists in our churches, and which is a characteristic of youth, the seeking of the religious truth. This religious condition favors missionary work among children. Entire families have been added to the church through the work with the children. Girls who were pupils in our Kindergarten are now Kindergarten Student Teachers.

The first missionaries started their work among the poorest classes and for many years the churches were supported. This is the reason why our churches are poor and so dependent. Gradually people of the different social ranks are becoming members and the influence is felt.

Religion is what youth needs most, it is the powerful arm that brings all victories and I am sure that the youth of Porto Rico will answer the call and will see in Monte Flores a bright torch that will show them your pure and noble hearts and light their way to Jesus Christ our Saviour.

May He ever bless you and those that inspire you with such noble deeds and may this Convention prove all you have hoped.

It makes me feel very glad to be among you this day. It all seems to me like a very pleasant dream from which I have not yet awakened. It thrills me to realize that I am before such a large and selected group, representing Porto Rico. Never in my 12 or 15 years as a member of the Luther League did I think of this honor, and as far as I know this is the first time Porto Rico is represented in a Convention of this kind.

The fact was a great significance, it means that your interest in the affairs of the island has surpassed this year. It means that you are thinking of us more and more and it means that your efforts are not in vain, that they have an echo which resounds deeply among your friends across the seas.

You have made the Training School in Porto Rico your main objective for this year and this gives me the opportunity of conveying to you the most hearty congratulations from the Leaguers in Porto Rico for the excellent outcome of the campaign and at the same time thank you all for the gift, which is a monument to perseverance, self-sacrifice and love.

If all the members of the Luther League in Porto Rico could have the chance of attending meetings like this they would certainly be inspired, they would realize how strong our association is and how proud we ought to be to be counted among its members.

When I think of the obligation you, the young people of the Church have assumed, it comes to my mind the noble figure of St. Paul spreading the Lord's Gospel to the Gentiles and suffering untold persecutions and pains. This is what you are doing—spreading the seeds of religion among the youth who constitute the strength of a nation. Like him—glad to do it, confident that you are with the Lord and like him—hoping that the seeds may grow and bear fruits that will speak to the world of your deeds.

In nearly all the churches of our mission the number of people that need help is considerable. Missionaries are often bored by the lack of means to help these people. They call on the pastors and missionaries for nearly every thing they need, milk for the baby, shoes for the children attending the Kindergarten, clothes for the family, medicines and what not.

Missionaries have very limited charity resources and very often they give out part of their own salary.

As preparation for the seedling that annually embarks on the educational course, four Kindergartens are maintained by the mission, primarily to keep the little tots from the streets, and to feed them their rudimentary education in mild and palatable doses. All these children attend Sunday School as that is required from parents at the time they are enrolled. In the main the children attending come from poor and abandoned sectors of the cities. This is especially true in Sion Kindergarten in Bayamon and in Puerta de Tierra. In two of the Kindergartens (Sion and Holy Trinity) a lunch consisting of a cup of milk and a cracker is served to all the children. This was made possible by the kindness of some friends of the Pastor. In the other two, the children bring their lunch but most of them bring so little and unhealthy food that the number of the under-weights is comparatively large.

Native missionaries who have no friends in the States tell of their experiences when visiting the poor families of the Congregation, for it is hard for them to visit a home and know that besides the need of the spiritual help these people need the material help of clothing, medical treatment and food.

Our mission has progressed a great deal in the last few years. Most of the church buildings and parish houses have been reconstructed or repaired and two new chapels were built recently. The ecclesiastical ceremonies are carried out more regularly, the sacraments are administered and the poor, the sick and dying are cared for, receiving not only spiritual aid but also the very material assistance.

Within the Parishes are several societies with direct spiritual objects. However, the material side, care for the sick members and aid in time of distress is not forgotten.

In Puerta de Tierra for example, the minister's wife has charge of the Calado work, that is the making of fancy works, most of it is done by members of the Ladies Society who find in that a means of helping themselves to earn their family living. In Bayamon, Trinity Church has organized a Library and the people of the community are receiving the benefit of such an institution. Books were obtained from members of the Church, prominent people of the island and residents of the town belonging to other Churches.

All the churches have Luther Leagues. In some married people are admitted. Six Junior Leagues are functioning and Intermediate Leagues are organized in some churches. Besides in all the Churches where a Kindergarten is established, a Parent Teachers Association is functioning successfully, their aim being to raise funds to help the poor children and to keep home and school in better contact. Recently the Ministers, wives and the heads of Departments of the field started an association named Catherine von Bora. It is functioning very successfully.

There is much more organization in our Churches now. A council helps the Pastor solve the local affairs of the church and work for its betterment. Institutes for Sunday School Teachers are held every year and Vacation Bible Schools are open during the Summer.

Our churches and societies have need of better equipment, and the need especially for the Societies of literary material in Spanish is great.

To itemize all these activities will require a book, and that is beyond me at present. I submit this data, with a view that it may prove interesting to some who perhaps never had the opportunity to know the facts of the case.

NEWS—More Next Month

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF FLORIDA LEAGUE

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Luther League of the Florida Synod was held in connection with the annual Convention of the Florida Synod and Women's Missionary Society on June 22 to 26, at Trinity Church, Jacksonville. A new feature this year was a Training School for Church Workers. Some of the business transacted by the League was the adoption of a State Standard of Efficiency and the election of the following officers: President, Adah E. Shuffin, Miami; Vice-President, Rolland Carman, West Palm Beach; Recording Secretary, Dorothea Puckhaber, Jacksonville; Corresponding Secretary, Florence Yonce, Hollywood; Treasurer, Winifred Shepherd, St. Petersburg.

One of the impressive features of the convention was the public service by the Luther League at which an inspiring address was delivered by Dr. N. J. Gould Wickey, Secretary of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church. And a short pageant was given by representatives of the various Leagues. There were many delightful social affairs. Among them a banquet at which the Synod and Missionary Society delegates were guests of the Leaguers. At a stunt night program some very enjoyable stunts were given. Plans for the next convention will also include a Training School, the first one having proven most successful and helpful.

NEW YORK

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the Rhinebeck Luther League, New York State, was held in the Atonement Lutheran Church, Rev. W. F. Hersh, pastor, Saugerties.

One of the special features of this convention was the presence of Rev. Fred Heins, missionary to Japan from New York State. He brought much valuable information to us direct from his experiences on the foreign field. The evening session closed with the Candlelight Installation Service for the newly-elected officers. They were as follows: President, Thayer Shook, Hudson; First Vice-President, Mrs. Ethel Hattenfelt, Red Hook; Second Vice-President, Miss Harriet Bryant, Athens; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Oscar Brandorff, Kingston; Fourth Vice-President, Charles Craft, Chatham; Recording Secretary, Miss Helen Decker, Clermont; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Luther Straley, Athens; Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Briele, Valatie.

On May 9th, twenty-five members of Zion Luther League, Athens, attended the District Convention held at Saugerties. On May 27th we held our first annual banquet and had as our guest speaker Rev. H. H. Wahl, of Hudson, President of the New York State Luther League, also our District President and wife, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary (all District officers). On July 11th twenty-one of our members attended the devotional meeting at St. John's, Hudson, when the report of the delegates to the State Convention was given. Four of our members graduated from high school this year. May God go with them in their different paths of life.

Florence J. Brown, Secretary Pro Tem.

Suggestions for Japanese Parties, Teas, etc.



Our recreational expert, "Min" Peterson, has gotten up a pamphlet (mimeographed) with all sorts of Japanese games, Japanese food, and many other items of interest about Japanese customs, flowers, decorations, etc. Price is 10 cents per copy, cash with the order. State Leagues ordering 20 copies or more can secure them for 5 cents a copy. Just the thing to help you raise your quota for the Seminary Building in Japan. Write her at 740 Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP REPORT

June, 1931

ALABAMA, total 3

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, total 15

Eleanor Boehmer
Mr. Myron Hetzel
Miss Edna Koster
Harvester's Class, First Church, Los Angeles
Dr. W. S. Dysinger, by First Church Luther League,
Los Angeles
Miss Hilgard Dietel
Miss Mary Boyle
Mr. Robert Inslee
Mr. Ray F. Anderson
Mr. F. G. Schuluchter
Miss Rena Swartzwelder
Miss Leona Boldt
First Luther League, Glendale
Miss Marjorie Thompson

CANADA, total 7

St. John's Luther League, Waterloo, Ontario
Miss Lorraine Niergarth
Fathers Schwerdtfeger and Hayunga, by St. John's Luther
League, Riverside, Ontario
Rev. W. A. Mehlenbacher

COLUMBIA DISTRICT, total 22

St. Paul's Luther League, Vancouver, Wash.
Miss Marie Stutz, by St. Paul's Luther League, Vancouver,
Wash.
St. James' Luther League, Portland, Oregon
Rev. Wm. E. Brinkman, by St. James' Luther League, Port-
land, Oregon
Rev. Wm. E. Brinkman, by Church Council of St. James' Lu-
theran Church, Portland, Oregon
Zion Luther League, The Dalles, Oregon
Miss Hilda M. Schassen, by Zion Luther League, The Dalles,
Oregon
Rev. P. W. Erickson, by American Luther League, Salem,
Oregon
Miss Wilma Horn
Miss Arlene Timm
Mr. Gus J. Weigelt
Miss Grace Beistel
Miss Alice Silon
Mr. Arthur Beistel
Mr. Wm. E. Salzman
Miss Olive Abrahamson
Miss Verna Biersdorf
Mr. Aaron Knutson
Miss Louise Gratke
Mr. Marvin C. Johnson
Mr. Ralph Luedtke
Rev. Paul Kunzmann

CONNECTICUT, total 7

St. Paul's Luther League, Bridgeport
Rev. Carl Storek, by First Luther League, Norwich
Connecticut State Luther League

FLORIDA, total 3

GEORGIA, total 14

Miss Ruth Shearouse
Miss Winifred Gnann
Miss Sara Simmons
Mrs. W. F. Paul
Miss Harriett Derrick
Mr. Peter B. Drost
Miss Anna Beckman
Luther League of Georgia

ILLINOIS, total 29

Mr. Conrad Born
Norwood Park Luther League, Chicago
First Luther League, Decatur
Trinity Luther League, Harvard
Miss Gladys Kjellen
Dr. Ed. P. Scharf, by Grace Luther League, Chicago
People's Intermediate Luther League, Chicago
Mrs. Edw. P. Echari, by Grace Intermediate Luther League,
Chicago
Nachusa Luther League, Nachusa
Miss Eleanor Breiter
North Austin Intermediate Luther League, Chicago

INDIANA, total 22

Miss Anna Burdenthall
Mr. Arthur Oertel
Mr. Ray Scheible
Third Church Luther League, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. J. S. Albert
Mrs. Norma Gribler
Miss Harryett L. Williams

IOWA, total 16

Mr. Wm. Dereus
Miss Mary Edna Blanche
First Luther League, Newton
Rev. W. H. Blanche, D.D., by First Luther League, Newton
Mr. Howard Schneider
Mr. A. L. Polsean
Mr. John Kreassig
Miss Helen Macclay
Mr. Albert Langtyky
Miss Jeannette Coughlin
Miss Natalie Butt
St. Mark's Luther League, Dubuque

KANSAS, total 11

Trinity Luther League, Kansas City

MARYLAND, total 119

St. Mark's, Mt. Zion Luther League, Rohrsersville
Zion Junior Luther League, Middletown
Miss Katherine Allen
Miss Florence M. Foust
Mr. Mason Ott
Mrs. Virginia Breen
Miss Iona C. Brown
Mr. Bertrand Richter
Mr. Ralph Vogel
Mr. John C. Martin
Third Church Luther League, Baltimore
Mr. Richard W. Howard
Miss E. Virginia Doub
Mr. Lionel L. Burras
Miss Naomi M. Dahis
Mr. Sam J. Ransom
Miss Sadie C. Hah, by Evangelical Luther League, Frederick
Miss Kathryn E. Grove
Miss Dorothy M. Keigler
Miss Lillian M. Inglis
Mr. John T. Loveless, Jr.
Mrs. Lavina Fringer
Rev. A. T. Sutcliffe
Mr. W. Wallace Reindollar
Miss Ethel Sauble
Trinity Luther League, Taneytown
Mr. Harry P. Mathaney, by Emmanuel Luther League,
Baltimore
Rev. Charles J. Hines, by Emmanuel Luther League, Baltimore
Miss Marty Mathaney
Miss Ruth Mathaney
Miss Carolyn Schultheis
Miss Madeline M. Marshall
Miss Ciella M. Avery
Miss Adelbert C. Bentz
Trinity Intermediate Luther League, Hagerstown
Mr. John C. Strohecker
Mr. John C. Schaake
Mr. J. Albert Schaake
Mr. Roland Renkel
Mr. Henry B. Young
Mr. Paul Brindle
Mr. James H. Gesell
Miss Martha Beach
St. Paul's Luther League, Washington, D. C.
St. Stephen's Luther League, Baltimore
Luther Place Memorial Luther League, Washington, D. C.
Miss Carrie Stratmeyer
Miss Marguerite Koothe
Miss Margaret Heinzerling
Mr. John R. Heinzerling
Christ Senior Luther League, Baltimore
Mr. George Asendorf, by Christ Intermediate Luther League,
Baltimore
Sister Carrie Taylor's Class, Christ Church, Baltimore
Evangelical Luther League, Waynesboro, Pa.
Dr. Ethel Brindle
Miss Margaret Koehler
Miss Margaret Barghausen
Miss Wilma Herrmann
Mr. Wm. Bauman
Mr. Martin Luther Eveler
Mr. Martin Wiegand, 3rd
Miss Thelma Barrett
Miss A. Barbara Wiegand

MICHIGAN, total 5

MINNESOTA, total 9

Reformation Luther League St. Paul
Faith Luther League, St. Paul
Faith Intermediate Luther League, St. Paul
Holy Communion Luther League, Minneapolis

MISSISSIPPI, total 1

GERMAN NEBRASKA, total 2

NEBRASKA, total 46

Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D.D.
Kountze Memorial Luther League, Omaha
Mr. Milton Moore
Mr. H. W. Fischer
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, by Grace Luther League, Lincoln

NEW JERSEY, total 57

Grace Luther League, Camden
Rev. Chas. K. Fexley, by Grace Senior and Intermediate Luther
League, Phillipsburg
Luther League of Christ Church, Ridgefield Park
Miss Erna Hardt
Miss Ella Kaack
Miss Erna Gemeinhardt
St. John's Luther League, Passaic
Miss Erna Hardt, President Bergen District
Mr. Robert Mahler, Vice-President Bergen District
Miss Louise Boehme, Recording Secretary Bergen District
Mr. Wm. Hess, Treasurer Bergen District

NEW YORK, total 273

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bohlig
Alice Robinson
Miss Ida Waner
St. Peter's Intermediate Luther League, Williamsbridge, New
York City
Grace Intermediate Luther League, Forest Hills, L. I.
Holy Comforter Intermediate Luther League, New York City
St. James' Intermediate Luther League, New York City
St. Stephen's Intermediate Luther League, Brooklyn
Mrs. Agnes Engle
Miss Jean Wilbor
Miss Amelia Hoch
Miss Ethel Rowe
Mr. Clarence Rowe

Miss Dovetta Voigt
 Mr. Addison Miller
 Emmanuel Luther League, Chatham
 St. Paul's Intermediate Luther League, Syracuse
 St. John's Intermediate Luther League, Bronx, New York City
 St. Andrew's Intermediate Luther League, Richmond Hill, L. I.
 Rev. John Duerschner, by Trinity Luther League, Troy
 Rev. Dorr E. Fritts, by Redeemer Luther League, Troy
 Rev. Christian Jensen
 Sister Helene Kuechler
 Miss Marion Klemm
 Mr. Albert Miller
 Mr. Lyman Young
 Miss Irene Otto
 Miss Dorothea H. Goetz
 Miss Augusta Hinck
 Miss Sophie Gerdes
 Miss Edna A. DeRevere
 Miss Anna B. Scheier
 Miss Marie Scheier
 St. Paul's Luther League, New York City
 Mr. Frederick Meyer
 Miss Amelia M. Markgraf
 Mrs. Arthur G. Bell
 Miss Helen M. Adams
 Miss Eugenia E. Weiss
 Miss Emma M. Meyer
 Mrs. Marie Merle
 Mrs. Pauline Kuehner
 Miss Dorothy Helen McMahon
 Mr. George Sustmann
 Mrs. George Sustmann
 Rev. C. W. Beach
 Mrs. C. W. Beach
 Miss Amelia H. Otto
 Miss Annabel Barmester
 Miss Betty Bock
 Miss Louise Kresslich
 Miss Mary M. Weiss
 Mrs. Mary Weiss
 Mr. Arthur G. Bell
 Rev. H. S. Miller
 Mrs. H. S. Miller
 Sister Miriam MacDonald, by Incarnation Luther League,
 Brooklyn
 Sister Anna Melville, by Incarnation Luther League, Brooklyn
 Incarnation Luther League, Brooklyn
 Rev. A. H. Roeder
 Mr. Edw. Roller
 Mr. Henry May
 Luther League of New York State
 Mr. George F. Shineman
 Miss Cecelia M. E. Goetzmann
 Miss Leanora Scheu
 Mr. Fred L. Rath
 Miss Edith Roesch
 Miss Ann Roesch
 Kensington Luther League, Buffalo
 Rev. Herbert L. Siegner, by Kensington Luther League,
 Buffalo
 St. Peter's Luther League, Syracuse
 Miss Elsie J. Burghardt
 Miss Minnie Limble
 Mr. John Ocker
 Miss Nellie Philpott
 Mr. Walter Russell
 Rev. A. W. Baker, by Central Luther League, Troy
 Mrs. W. M. Van Hoese
 Miss Florence Brown
 Rev. F. H. Knubel, D.D.
 Rev. A. Steimle, by Advent Luther League, New York City
 Advent Luther League, New York City
 Miss Irene Schaefer
 Sister Madaline Schaefer
 Miss Gertrude Boehm
 Miss Charlotte Stallman
 Senior Luther League, Church of Good Shepherd, South Ozone
 Park, L. I.
 Mr. Stanley Johnson
 Miss Lillian K. Dittmer
 Mr. Joseph C. Dittmer
 Miss Emily Knemeyer
 Miss Eleanor Dilbeck
 Miss Lola Brust
 New York City District Luther League
 Mrs. G. S. Stiehler
 Zion Luther League, Utica
 Rev. W. C. Nolte, by Zion Senior Luther League, Utica
 Miss Frieda Thimm
 Miss Alice Van Allen
 Miss Mildred Metzler
 Mr. Sidney Van Allen
 Mr. Edwin Stoetzner
 Mr. Wm. Stackel
 Miss Lillian M. Hahn

NORTH CAROLINA, total 27

Holy Trinity Luther League, Charlotte
 St. Paul's Luther League, Salisbury
 Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, D.D., by St. John's Luther League,
 Salisbury
 Mr. P. B. Beatty, by St. Mark's Intermediate Luther League,
 Charlotte
 Miss Nellie Park
 Mrs. Ruth Park
 Mr. Homer Lyerly
 St. Peter's Luther League, Salisbury
 Mt. Calvary Luther League, Claremont
 Good Hope Luther League, Hickory
 Haven Intermediate Luther League, Salisbury
 St. Stephen's Luther League, Lenoir

Concordia Luther League, Mooresville
 Friedens Luther League, Gibsonville
 Central District of North Carolina
 St. Andrew's Senior Luther League, Hickory

OHIO, total 43

Olivet Junior Luther League, Toledo
 Mr. Wm. Elliott
 Grace Junior Luther League, Toledo
 Rev. R. G. Schulz, Jr.
 Hope Luther League, Toledo
 Christ Luther League, Cambridge
 St. John's Luther League, Zanesville

PACIFIC NORTHWEST, total 2

Central Luther League, Seattle, Wash.

PENNSYLVANIA, total 326

Mr. D. A. Kommel
 Emmanuel Luther League, Nuremburg
 St. Luke's Junior Luther League, Reading
 St. Matthew's Luther League, Leetsdale
 Friendly Dramatic Association, Messiah Church, Philadelphia
 St. Stephen's Junior Luther League, Lancaster
 Trinity Junior Luther League, Ephrata
 Penn Luther League, Penn
 Rev. E. A. Selman, by Luther League of German Trinity
 Church, Hazleton
 Zion Luther League, East Pikeland
 Grace Junior Luther League, Royersford
 Mr. R. E. Balschnakat
 Miss Katherine E. Berger
 Mr. Ernest Schwabe
 Messiah Intermediate Luther League, Philadelphia
 Zion Junior Luther League, Olney, Philadelphia
 Mrs. R. W. Doty, by Grace Junior Luther League, Butler
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Elsie Miller
 St. Luke's Luther League, Pittsburgh
 St. John's Luther League, Lewistown
 Luther League of First Lutheran Church, Greensburg
 Mr. Frank I. Bossart
 Miss Mildred Albright
 Mrs. Jacob Brezler
 Penn Luther League, Penn
 Atonement Luther League, Philadelphia
 Zion Luther League, Hummelstown
 Luther League of Pennsylvania
 Holy Trinity Luther League, Bethlehem
 Rev. Gerald G. Neely, Jr., by Grace Junior Luther League,
 Reading
 Zion Luther League, Lancaster
 Mr. J. Louis Frederick
 Rev. J. L. Deaton, by Advocate Luther League, Philadelphia
 St. Peter's Senior Luther League, North York
 Trinity Junior Luther League, York
 First Junior Luther League, Warren
 Grace Luther League, East Stroudsburg
 Christ Luther League, Wilkes-Barre
 Mt. Calvary Luther League, McKees Rocks
 Miss Bertha Hess, by Trinity Luther League, Bangor
 Rev. J. Frederick Stolte, by Trinity Luther League, Bangor
 Miss Dorothy M. Bisher
 Mr. Clarence Labor
 Mr. Raymond Meyers
 Miss Mabel Finkbeiner
 Mr. Asher G. Able, Jr.
 Mr. Chas. A. Weaver
 Mr. Gilbert John Martin
 Mr. Martin Butt
 Mr. Carl Kressler
 Mr. C. Earl Kressler
 Miss Sarah C. Smith
 Mr. Raymond T. Seibert
 Mr. Jay K. Albert
 Miss Sarah A. Miller
 Luther Roth Lang, by St. John's Junior Luther League,
 Wilkes-Barre
 St. John's Luther League, Wilkes-Barre
 Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Ulrich, by St. John's Luther League,
 Wilkes-Barre
 Miss Julia Krell
 Mrs. S. A. Walb
 Miss Helen P. Lang
 Mr. Luther Roth Lang
 Mrs. Luther C. Lang
 Mr. Luther C. Lang
 Mrs. Gordon Williams
 Miss Elizabeth Jones
 Rev. Ernest A. Geisel, by First Junior Luther League, Beaver
 Falls
 First Senior Luther League, Beaver Falls
 Mr. James C. Robinson
 Egypt Luther League, Egypt
 Miss Grace Smith
 Mr. Jeremiah Gingrich
 Miss Mae E. Basehore
 Miss Edith Lingle
 Miss Mary Gleager
 Mr. Oscar Lingle
 Miss Helen A. McCann
 Rev. C. A. Steigerwalt, by St. Paul's Luther League,
 Friedensburg
 Mr. Franklin L. Brobst, by Christ Luther League, Mahanoy
 City
 Rev. Harvey C. Snyder, by St. John's Luther League, Nazareth
 St. John's Senior Luther League, Nazareth
 Holy Trinity Intermediate Luther League, Jeannette
 Miss Etta Wentz, by St. Stephen's Senior Luther League, Erie
 First Intermediate Luther League, Johnstown
 St. Paul's Luther League, Catasauqua
 Fourth Junior Luther League, Altoona
 St. Peter's Luther League, Allentown

Miss Hazel Nannah
 Miss Mary Kornman
 St. John's Senior and Junior Luther League, Freedom
 Zion Luther League, Northampton
 Mr. Wm. F. Baker
 Miss Rosaline M. Spier
 Miss Marie Lemoine
 Miss Anna L. Leisman
 Miss Esther A. Kaseberg
 Mr. Peter C. Roller
 Mr. Conrad Frank, Jr.
 Miss Anna Kuhnert
 Rev. J. D. C. Witke, by St. Michael's Luther League,
 Harrisburg
 St. John's Senior Luther League, Shiremanstown
 St. John's Junior Luther League, Shiremanstown
 Mrs. Chas. McGuire
 Mrs. Wm. H. Bates
 Mrs. Tolbert D. Orrie
 Mrs. M. L. Kutz
 Mr. M. L. Kutz
 Miss Grace Weber
 Miss Virginia Roland
 Miss Ruth Kiehl
 Miss Catherine S. Yeager
 Miss Florence B. Heist
 Miss Lily Fasig
 Miss Ruth A. Dilliplane

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SYNOD, total 1

Miss Alice Reynolds

SOUTH CAROLINA, total 74

Miss Elsie Renken
 Miss Katie Kangeter
 Miss Marie Pfahler
 St. Matthew's Intermediate Luther League, Charleston
 Southern District Luther League
 Miss Eddilee Wreden
 Miss Anna C. Heins
 Miss Johanna Stelljis
 Miss Fredericka Lilienthal
 Miss Emma Witt
 Miss Frederick P. Kuhne
 Miss Louise Sander
 Miss Adela S. Hottinger
 Miss Sophie M. Heinsohn
 Miss Elsie J. Stelling
 Miss Marie R. Heinsohn
 Mr. Henry Beckroge
 Mr. W. J. Schroeder
 Miss Lucille Pfahler
 Mr. Adolph C. Geils
 A Friend
 Miss Winnie Butt
 Miss Gertrude Beckroge, by Young Ladies' Class, St. Matthew's
 Sunday School, Charleston
 St. Matthew's Senior Luther League, Charleston
 Rev. F. W. Brandt
 Miss Minnie L. Leseemann
 Rev. George J. Gongaware
 Miss Louise Wieters
 Augsburg Luther League, Union
 Richland District Luther League of South Carolina
 Miss Pansy Mae Carter
 Miss Naomi Roof
 Miss Fay Roof
 St. James' Luther League, Lexington
 Mt. Hermon Luther League, New Brookland
 Rev. Lewis Koon, by Mt. Pleasant Luther League, Saluda
 Trinity Intermediate Luther League, Greenville
 Ascension Luther League, Columbia
 Pine Grove Luther League, Lone Star
 Mr. J. E. Shealy
 Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Stockman
 Miss Marjorie Rude
 Mr. J. Blake Moose
 St. John's Luther League, Pomaria

TEXAS, total 19

Miss Martha Bochl
 Miss Esther Berger

VIRGINIA, total 78

Luther League, Church of Ascension, Danville
 Staunton Conference Luther League
 College Church Luther League, Salem
 Rev. B. A. Barringer, by Grace Luther League, Rural Retreat
 Mr. D. B. Welsh
 Mr. M. L. Shaner
 Mr. H. E. Strudwick
 Mrs. J. M. Cronk
 Miss Vivian Cronk
 Mr. F. B. Walter
 Mr. Clifford O. Bowman
 Mr. W. E. Mann
 Mr. F. C. Longaker
 Miss Hortense Hunton
 Miss Edith Richardson
 Mr. S. Dean Petersen
 Mr. A. M. Bowman, Jr.
 Hebron Intermediate Luther League, Madison
 Mrs. C. M. Teufel
 Miss F. Mae Teufel
 Miss Harriet Teufel
 Holy Trinity Luther League, Wytheville
 Virginia Heights Junior Luther League, Roanoke
 Burkes Garden Luther League, by Marion Conference Luther
 League
 Bethany Luther League, Lexington
 Miss Frances Dovel
 Miss Marguerite Dovel
 Miss Margie Bowers
 Miss Della Stidley

Mrs. Emosy Sensiney
 Winchester Conference Luther League
 Miss Heath Stickley
 Rev. S. A. Alleman
 Mrs. Evelyn Semley
 Mrs. Lillie Adams
 Mrs. G. R. Trusel
 Mrs. H. A. Funk
 Mr. H. I. Evans
 A Friend
 Trinity Luther League, Stephens City
 Christ Boys' Intermediate Luther League, Staunton
 Salem Luther League, Parrottsville
 Immanuel Luther League, Blountville

WEST VIRGINIA, total 4

Grace Intermediate Luther League, Fairmont
 Miss Norma Gantz

WISCONSIN, total 27

Mrs. A. Gruhn
 Rev. A. Gruhn
 Mr. Frank Zeidler
 Miss Charlotte Nelson
 Miss Esther Wacek
 Miss Helen A. Wacek
 Miss Margaret Bruss, by Washington Park Senior Luther
 League, Milwaukee
 Senior Luther League, Redeemer, Milwaukee

Intermediate Headliners



Intermediates of Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich.
 Rev. M. Luther Canup, Pastor



Some of the Intermediates of People's Evangelical Lutheran
 Church, Chicago, Ill.



Intermediates of the Southern District, S. C.,
 At Their Annual Rally

Proceedings of the Nineteenth Biennial Convention

Reading, Pennsylvania, July 2-6, 1931—Reported by Eva Peeler, Secretary

Opening session July 2nd, 7:30 P. M. in Trinity Church. With the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn, the greatest Luther League Convention of all time began to write history.

Great, because of the place, Reading, Pa., situated in Berks County among 35,000 confirmed Lutherans, proud of a Lutheran history that has been continuous for 231 years.

Great, because of the large number of delegates, 1173 registered, coming from twenty-seven States, and seven countries—exceeding by far the attendance at any previous convention. Worthy of note was the large number of ministers and deacons whose very presence lent inspiration to the convention.

Great, because of the speakers, who came from South America, Porto Rico, Japan, India, West Indies, Canada, Germany and our own United States, bringing to us messages from "The Christ Who Fulfills."

Great, because of the Convention Theme, "The Christ Who Fulfills," Matthew 5:17—"Think not that I come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Great, because of the achievements of the past biennium. To have all bills paid and a "balance on hand" is great. Progress has been made in each department of our work. Interest in missionary work has been very keen, the result is, the gift of \$25,000 to build the Training School in Porto Rico. This brings us another reason why this was a great convention, because of the future. The challenge of such a convention will inspire the youth of the world to attempt great things for the "Christ Who Fulfills."

The opening session was held in Trinity Church, with President Clarence C. Dittmer presiding. Rev. Chester S. Simonton conducted the Vespers. Four speakers gave words of welcome. The first, Rev. Herman F. Miller, pastor of Trinity Church, voiced the joy of the congregation in being able to place their church at the disposal of the League, and to give of their services, that the convention might be a source of inspiration to the youth of our church.

Rev. Gerald Neely, assistant pastor of Grace Church, said his parish was glad to act as co-hosts with Trinity. "We," he said, "expect great things from you while in Reading. You will accomplish things here that will go down in history."

Mayor J. Henry Stump extended greetings on behalf of the city, who after promising "police protection" said, "In these days when crime is rampant throughout the country, we need organizations like the Luther League of America."

George M. Jones, Esq., extended greetings from the Lutherans of Berks County, and gave a brief historical sketch of the Lutheran history of the county—telling of the coming of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, also telling of the courtship of Muhlenberg and Conrad Weiser's daughter.

Herbert W. Fischer, First Vice-President, replied to these words of welcome, saying, "We are glad to be here. You have told us of the things you would do for us, but you did not tell the half—and asked the delegates to give their co-operation to make this the greatest convention in our history."

The convention heard the "Singing Preachers." Rev. T. Benton Peery, Rev. Walter V. Simon, Rev. Ralph C. Robinson and Rev. Carl R. Simon, whose singing during the convention was an inspiration to every Leaguer.

Convention was formally opened by President C. C. Dittmer who said, "We are opening tonight the greatest convention in the history of the Luther League of America."

The following committees were appointed:
Nominating Committee: Rev. Paul C. White, Chicago, Ill., Chairman; Miss Miriam Greever, Columbia, S. C., Vice-Chairman; and all State Presidents or their alternates.

Resolutions: Rev. J. Edgar Stockman, Greenville, S. C., Chairman.

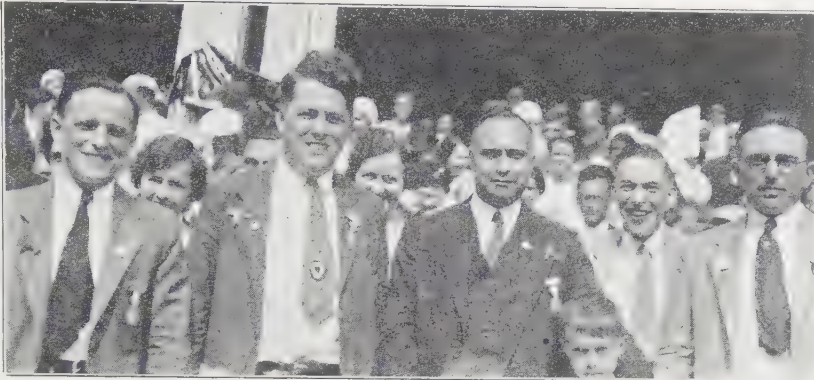
Auditing: Mr. Austin W. Howard, Frederick, Md., Chairman. Rev. Harold S. Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., struck the keynote of the convention in his address, "Fulfilling His Purpose in Reading." He said, "Standing here and facing such a crowd of Christian youth is a sight to fill the soul, the very fact that Christian youth has been called to meet, means more than history. Our meeting has a four-fold purpose.

"First. It is the will of God that we should know God's will.
"Second. It is His will that we should live His life.
"Third. Enthusiasm, we should be enthusiastic in our Christian life.

"Fourth. It is God's will that we should be drawn nearer to Him, so near that we can feel His touch."

Miss Carmen Villarin brought greetings from Porto Rico, and presented the shovel that turned the first ground for our Training School, and a check for \$100 as their gift to the school.

Miss Yorman brought greetings from India.



The five responsible for the program of the greatest of all Luther League Conventions. Reading left to right: Executive Secretary Paul M. Kinports, President-elect Herbert W. Fischer, President Clarence C. Dittmer, Vice-President-elect John George Kurzenknebe, Retiring General Secretary Amos John Traver.

Rev. Paul M. Kinports, our new Executive Secretary, was officially presented to the convention and made his first announcements.

At the conclusion of the evening session, the Leaguers were tendered an informal reception on the church lawn by the local committee. The lawn was brilliantly lighted with Japanese lanterns in Luther League colors. Refreshments in abundance, a great time to meet old friends and make new ones. One of the novel decorations was the huge Luther League emblem, in full colors, electrically lighted on the parish house porch roof.

The second session on Friday morning

opened with Alvin H. Schaediger, Second Vice-President, presiding. Quiet Moments, in charge of the Chaplain, Rev. Chester S. Simonton, who used the words of Jesus found in John 17:1—"Father, the hour is come; glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee," saying that he was speaking of a real Christ, a living Christ—one who shows us God, and also shows us man, and asked that we might let Christ introduce us to life.

The convention was opened for business at 9:30, President Dittmer taking the Chair.

The reports of the various officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees were formally presented to the convention, the reports having been printed in the Luther League Review.

The reports of the President and Recording Secretary were received as information.

Report of Intermediate Secretary carrying recommendations, that the National Dues of the Intermediate Luther Leagues shall be ten cents per capita, and that the Intermediate Department shall issue Topics Quarterly was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution offered by the Missionary Secretary, that the offering on Sunday evening be devoted to our Missionary Objective, Porto Rico, was referred to Ways and Means Committee.

A resolution was offered that a tree be planted in the church yard commemorating this convention, using the shovel brought by Miss Villarin.

Reports of Literature Committee, Life Service Secretary, and Junior Secretary, received as information.

Dr. F. F. Fry was introduced and brought words of appreciation from the Board of American Missions under which Board we are building the Training School in Porto Rico.

Miss Susan M. Kurzenknebe presented plans for the trip to Porto Rico for the dedication of the Training School.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

President, Mr. Herbert W. Fischer, Nebraska; First Vice-President, Mr. John George Kurzenknebe, Pennsylvania; Second Vice-President, Mr. Alvin H. Schaediger, New Jersey; Secretary, Miss Eva Peeler, North Carolina; Treasurer, Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, Pennsylvania. Executive Committee Members-at-Large: Mrs. S. T. Peterson, Illinois; Miss Winnie Butt, South Carolina; Mr. Austin W. Howard, Maryland; Mr. Ray F. Anderson, California. Report was adopted as read.

Mr. Harold Sundberg, of Michigan, was elected to the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Kurzenknebe, who was elected First Vice-President.

A resolution, duly signed by fifteen members, was offered to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Luther League of America, changing the name of General Secretary to Executive Secretary. Motion for reception of amendment carried.

Business session closed with the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Rev. Charles D. Trexler, D.D., member of the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, spoke on the subject, "Fulfilling the United Church Purposes." He asked the question, "What is the United Lutheran Church?" After a very clear definition of what the United Lutheran Church is, he stated the purpose of the United Lutheran Church:

First. Evangelization. "It has been said," Dr. Trexler said, "no person is a Christian until he brings another to Christ." Not merely add names to church roll, but bring them to Christ.

Second. Education. Coupled with secular education must be the spirit of Christ. Dr. Trexler complimented the Luther League for its Educational Program.

Third. Ministry of Mercy. Calling to our attention two very significant words of Christ—"Come and Go."

Rev. J. J. Scherer, D.D., of Richmond, Va., President of the Virginia Synod, spoke on "Fulfilling Synodical Purposes." He said, "A Synodical Purpose is to give all people a big enough God to save them," telling of a group of boys at a fraternity house with whom he talked, who thought God was too small for them to serve. "The biggest thing in all the world is, that God is, and that He is big enough to save the world."

Friday Afternoon, 2:00 P. M.

Intermediate Program, with Rev. C. M. Teufel, presiding.

Quiet Moments by Chaplain, who used the word Love as the theme for meditation—"He fulfills because He fills us with Love." We love because He loved us. In closing he said, "Would that our lives were such that would make others think of Him."

Rev. Amos John Traver, D.D., spoke on "The Intermediate and His Relationship to the Church." Dr. Traver said, "The Intermediate is the very center of interest in church work. The relationship is a covenant relationship. The Intermediate is in need of comradeship with older church members, and in need of comradeship with God. It is the commission of church members to keep that comradeship with the Intermediate."

A large choir of Intermediates rendered the anthem, "A Little Prayer," by Hamblen, very beautifully.

Rev. J. E. Stockman, of Greenville, S. C., spoke very forcibly on the subject, "How to Help the Intermediate Realize His Relationship to the Church Through the Intermediate Department." Rev. Stockman said, "The Intermediate is like clay, ready to be moulded, like plants, ready to be planted, and to help the Intermediate you must know your Intermediate. You must live with him, you must teach him by example."

An interesting feature of the program was a debate, "Resolved, That Success Comes by Luck and not by Pluck."

Miss Ruth Wiker, Drexel Hill, Pa., spoke on the affirmative side, while Miss Carolyn Standish upheld the negative. The debate was spirited, the judges wishing both sides could win. The negative, however, proved beyond a doubt that "Success comes by Pluck and not by Luck."

Miss Elizabeth Shaw, Cairnbrook, Pa., gave a reading, "The Other Wise Man."

Dr. Teufel presented Rev. R. J. Wolf, who gave a few words of greeting at this time.

The Intermediate Choir rendered another anthem, "From Day To Day," by Hamblen.

With the singing of the Intermediate Rally Hymn, the meeting closed.

Discussion Groups were held at 4:00 P. M. "Social Problems," led by Rev. E. N. Bower, of North Tonawanda, N. Y. "Educational Methods," by Miss Ethel Tussing, New York. "Local Officers," led by Austin W. Howard, of Frederick, Md. "Missionary Secretaries," led by Miss May Scherer. "Life Service," led by Rev. C. A. Portz. "Personal Problems," led by Rev. Lloyd Merle Wallick. "Junior Secretaries," led by Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse. "Intermediate Secretaries," led by Rev. R. J. Wolf. "Pastors' Problems," led by Rev. Rudolph G. Schulz, Jr., and "Social Leadership," led by Mrs. S. T. Peterson.

The evening service was held in Grace Church, as were all the rest of the evening sessions. This was "Life Service Night," with Secretary Portz presiding.

Rev. Paul A. Kirsch, New York City, very ably presented the subject, "Fulfilling the Purposes of a Day." "The first views are always the views we get from the heights," he said. "The world is full of disturbances, and His eyes flash on us as we go about longing for peace." He made an earnest plea that "We should make the best of our opportunities, and that we do not live to succeed, but to serve, saying that we must come down from our mountain top of vision into the valley and serve."

The Quartet sang very impressively, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

Rev. Oscar Fisher Blackwelder, D.D., of Baltimore, Md., spoke on "How Christ Fills Life."

Dr. Blackwelder said, "Christ fills life, because He perfects it, because He awakens a sense of expectancy, and because He teaches the meaning of destiny." "He gave His best and He has a right to expect the best of us." "He gave His best and He has a right to expect the best of us."

A large choir of seventy voices, under the direction of Mr. James Hinkley, sang "The Heavens Are Declaring," by Beethoven.

Miss Nona Diehl brought greetings from the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church, and presented Miss Corinne Menges, Missionary from South America, who brought greetings from Luther League Hall and the Lutherans of South America.

In sorting out the weather for Saturday, July 4th, the Big Day planned for the Fair Grounds, the weather man made a slight mistake and left a cloudy, rainy morning, so much so that the morning session had to be held in Trinity Church with President C. C. Dittmer presiding.

Quiet Moments by the Chaplain, who used Psalm 128 as a text, and as his subject, "He Fulfills Our Joy."

The Quartet sang Kipling's "Recessional."

Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, D.D., spoke on the subject, "The Word and the Dreams of Youth." He said, "The youth of our country is brought to our attention today in a double sense. The Nation's Birthday and the Convention of Youth of our country remind us of the youthfulness of our nation. America's contribution is in the advancing of an ideal of liberty. The Word of God forms the dreams of youth. It gives meaning to the dreams of youth."

Rev. Frederick H. Knubel, D.D., LL.D., President, United Lutheran Church in America, brought greetings. He appealed very earnestly to the Leaguers to be loyal to "both Church and State." These loyalties are inseparable, he said. A true Christian is the only true patriot. Jesus was an intense patriot and He said: "I am the Light of the world." Jesus belongs to no race, but has room for all nations in His heart. We must as a nation realize that God in a nation means mercy! He closed with an appeal that we as young people might see the Mercy and Love of God.

At this time the mistake in the weather was all cleared up, the sun was again on the job and the Leaguers made a hasty getaway to catch the 12:30 train to the Fair Grounds. As the Leaguers approached the grandstand they were given a box lunch and everybody headed for the grandstand. After partaking of the delightful lunch, the Pageant of Old Trappe Church, "Hope Fulfilled," was presented by sixty-five members of the famous Trappe Church, under the direction of Rev. W. O. Fegley, D.D., author of the pageant. More than three thousand people witnessed this historical pageant, giving first the simplicity of the country home in 1740; second, the coming of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg and his first religious service in

1742, beginning of the school and the building of the old church at Trappe in 1743.

The Singing Preachers then gave a concert, after which Miss Susan M. Kurzenknebe again spoke of the "honeymoon cruise" to Porto Rico for the dedication of the training school in 1932.

The Springfield and Detroit delegations then presented invitations to hold the 1933 Convention of the Luther League of America in their respective cities. Excitement prevailed when Springfield showered thousands of airplanes down on the heads of all the Leaguers, and Detroit came in "on high" around the race track in a car decorated with banners bearing the words "Detroit Next." The decision, however, was left to the Executive Committee who decided in favor of Detroit.

Saturday night's session was one of the high spots of the whole convention. "International Night," Vice-President Herbert W. Fischer presiding.

Vespers by the Chaplain.

First address by Rev. W. A. Mehlenbacher, Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada, spoke on "Christ and the Nation." He first extended hearty greetings from the Dominion of Canada. He said, "The world today needs Christ, if we make Him King of our hearts He will then be King of the nation. We should live Christ and enjoy Christian Fellowship."

"Lutherans to the Front" was the subject of a wonderful message brought to us by Baron Arndt von Kirchbach, of Dresden, Germany, who expressed his appreciation for the many kindnesses accorded him, and extended greetings from the Lutheran Youth Movement in Germany. The Baron said he came to us from the birthplace of the Reformation and that he is very much concerned over the conditions in his country today. "Now," he said, "is the time for acting. We must know the position of the enemy. The Lutherans have the best knowledge of sin in the world, and for that reason, as Lutherans, we must struggle to the last. The sign of victory is the cross on the open grave. In this day when so many isms are prevalent, is the time when Lutherans should march to the front."

Rev. J. E. Stockman, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, offered the following Resolution:

"To the Baron Arndt von Kirchbach, Dresden, Germany, Herr Baron:

I have the honor to convey to you the resolution of the Reading Convention of the Luther League of America; which resolution was unanimously passed by a rising vote at the session this evening at which you delivered your stirring plea for "Lutherans to the Front." Such a challenge can never be forgotten, especially since you climaxed your powerful appeal with the recitation and joint singing of our great Lutheran battle hymn—Ein Feste Burg.

Our Greetings to the Lutheran Youth of Germany

Whereas, The 1173 delegates to the Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America, have been privileged to come into contact with the Christian youth of Germany through the presence at our Convention of their representative, Herr Baron von Kirchbach, President of the Lutheran Youth Movement of Saxony;

Whereas, This delightful contact has aroused us anew to the possibilities of a world movement among the youth of the Lutheran Church in all lands; and

Whereas, Since the World War, the adult leadership of the Lutheran Church throughout the world has come to an ecumenical consciousness bringing the Lutheran World Convention into existence; therefore

Be It Resolved, That this Nineteenth Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America make declaration of its sincere appreciation of the visit and message of Baron Arndt von Kirchbach; and

Resolved, That we ask our distinguished guest from overseas to convey and to express to the organization of which he has the honor and distinction of being its President, the sincere cordial greetings of the Luther League of America, representing 51,000 youth in United Lutheran Church in America, congregations scattered in the United States and Canada, in Porto Rico, in British Guiana, in the Argentine, and in India; and be it

Further Resolved, That we extend with most urgent Christian cordiality an invitation to the Lutheran Youth Movement of Saxony to send an official representative to the next Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America in Detroit, Michigan, U. S. A., in the year 1933, in the hope that through such additional interchange of goodwill and Christian fellowship there may eventuate the organization of a World Lutheran Youth Convention.

As the President of the Lutheran Youth of our United Lutheran Church in America, may I request that you assure the Lutheran Youth of our mother country of Lutheranism of our zeal, devotion and deep spiritual consecration to the great principles of our Christ and of our Martin Luther. The fire of the Reformation ever burns brightly and zealously in our breasts.

CLARENCE C. DITTMER,

President, Luther League of America

Countersigned by

EVAC. PEELER,

Recording Secretary, Luther League of America

REV. PAUL M. KINPORTS,

Executive Secretary, Luther League of America

Mr. G. A. Schlechter, of Reading, maker of the original die for the Luther League pin, presented the Baron with a pin made from this die.

The Choir sang the anthem, "Recessional," by DeKoven.

Sunday morning the Leaguers who attended Sunday School at Trinity, heard Mr. George M. Jones teach the lesson to a class that filled the church. The following ministers filled the various pulpits in Reading and nearby churches:

Rev. J. E. Stockman, Rev. Paul M. Kinports, Rev. C. P. Harry, D.D., Rev. Oscar F. Blackwelder, D.D., Rev. M. J. Bieber, D.D., Rev. H. H. Wahl, Rev. C. A. Portz, Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, D.D., Rev. Rudolph G. Schulz, Jr., Baron Arndt von Kirchbach, Rev. C. M. Teufel, D.D., Rev. Chester S. Simonton and Rev. Amos J. Traver, D.D.

Sunday afternoon the Discussion Groups held a second period at 3:00 P. M.

The Junior Rally was held at three o'clock Sunday afternoon in Grace Church with over 1000 Juniors and their friends. The Juniors had charge of the program and demonstrated the fact that Juniors can do things.

The Intermediates held their rally in St. James' Church at the same hour. The church was filled with Intermediates, and the Intermediates had charge of the program, with Juniors and Intermediates like these, the Seniors need have no fear for the future.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock Grace Church was filled early for the "Mission Festival." The memory of this evening will linger long in the hearts of every Leaguer.

Rev. Fred W. Heins, Missionary to Japan, presided. Rev. Paul C. White assisted.

Rev. Heins said in presenting our visitors from overseas, "These are not products, they are people who bear the love of God in their hearts, and they bring a message from their countries tonight." Rev. N. Iwanagi, of Japan, said, "The Christians desire Christianity for Japan. The need today is pressing. The people are ready and eager to hear. A great movement for Christ is sweeping over Japan, even women take the platform and speak for Christ." "The gospel," he said, "has not been given to all people," and asked the question, "Is there not someone here tonight who will give themselves to this work?" The Youth of Japan Needs You."

Mr. Gali Ratnam, of India, brought greetings from India and Andhra College, saying that the gift of the League to Andhra has been of great help to the Youth of India.

Mr. James Soler, Argentina, brought greetings from Argentina. "Latin America," he said, "needs a Reformation" and he "believes the Lutheran Church could bring about such a Reformation."

Rev. Paul West, of the West Indies, brought greetings from Virgin Islands, and expressed appreciation for sending missionaries to them. He closed with this prayer, "Lord, lead us in life; Lord, lead us in faith; Lord, lead us in love."

Miss Carmen Villarini extended greetings from Porto Rico, and expressed appreciation for the gift of the Training School at Monte Flores, Porto Rico.

Mr. Aubrey Bowen, of British Guiana, greeted us from South America in quite a humorous manner that won for him the hearts of those attending the convention.

"The Christ Who Satisfies the World's Longings," was the subject discussed by Rev. Lewis C. Manges, D.D., member of the Board of Foreign Missions, who drew a very vivid picture of the world longing for Christ. "The world," he said, "longs to know God, yearns for forgiveness, and yearns to escape from sin. The world longing for peace will find it only as it finds Jesus Christ."

Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, Treasurer of the Luther League of America, presented to Miss May Scherer, Missionary Secretary, a check for \$5,000 as part payment on the Training School. Miss Scherer presented the check to Dr. F. F. Fry, who accepted it for the Board of American Missions. This is the second check of \$5,000 paid, the balance to be paid as the bills for the building are presented.

Monday morning the message brought to us by the Chaplain was "The Christ Who Fills Us With Strength"—Deuteronomy 33:25. "As thy days so shall thy strength be." "Strength," he said, "is necessary to meet the temptations of the world. Strength comes in a quiet gentle way. Listen and you can hear a voice saying, 'Be still and know that I am God.'"

At 9:30 A. M. the last Discussion Groups were held. At 10:30 A. M. the Junior program was presented. "The Christ Who Fulfills"—Through the Junior Department." Master Stanley Fegley, of Berks District, presided. The Juniors presented an exercise, "A Little Child Shall Lead Them," and the leaders presented "Christ Fulfills." The following subjects were discussed: "By Doing for Others," Miss Emma M. Gusk; "Our Porto Rico Juniors," Miss Carmen Villarini; "Through the Little Folks," Miss Eva M. Stiltz; "Through Methods and Materials," Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely; "Those Boys," Rev. Ernest H. J. Hoh, D.D.; "Of Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven," Rev. Paul H. Heisey, Ph.D.

At 2:00 P. M. the second business session was held with President Dittmer presiding. Quiet Moments by the Chaplain who, in his closing message, made a strong plea to the League "Let Jesus be Master of your ambitions, give Him an opportunity to take charge of your life, make it your ambition to be well pleasing to Him."

At this time Rev. E. P. Pfatteicher, D.D., President of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, extended greetings. Miss Margaret Wahl extended greetings from the young people of the Norwegian Lutheran Church. Miss Wahl recently attended the convention held by their Young People in Chicago, where 4000 young people were in attendance. "Our hopes, our aspirations are the same," she said, "to win our young people for Christ." In closing she gave this admonition:

Go—We are all on a journey,

Right—Follow the straight and narrow path,

On—Onward with Christ as our guide,

Working—No genius, but hard work.

Greetings were read from Luther League in Argentina; Springfield, Ohio; Luther League of Canada, Luther League of Texas, Christiana, Granite Quarry, N. C.; Miss Anna M. Landis, Mr. P. Walter Banker, a former President of the Luther League of America; Ralph Long, Executive Secretary of the National Lutheran Council.

Dr. S. W. Herman, President of the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced and extended greetings, saying, "We are your servants, we carry the burden. How will the Church meet the responsibility unless the Young People answer the call?" Dr. Traver responded to the greeting of Dr. Herman by saying, "Take back with you the assurance of the prayers and the consecrated means of the Youth of the Church. We offer the young life to carry on the work of the Church."

Dr. C. K. Fegley, in charge of the Publicity, reported that over 20,000 pieces of information had been sent out through the Reading Committee. He had kept in touch with wire services and newspapers at the expense of only \$100.

Mr. Luther C. Schmehl, Chairman of the Reading Committee, was presented and greeted us, saying, "We are happy to have you

here," telling something of the work of handling a great convention in a systematic and effective way.

Committee on Resolutions presented their report. Motion was made to consider it item by item.

No. 1.—Whereas, There has been so much publicity given through the daily press, and by word of mouth to the disregard of the youth of America to the proper enforcement of law, to the lack of respect of the constitution of rights of the individual, to the participation of young people in organized crime and corruption not only in public office, but especially in social life; Therefore

Be It Resolved, That the 1200 delegates representing 51,000 young Lutherans of America organized in the Luther League of America calls the attention of the press and of the general public to the hundreds of thousands of clean-cut, strong, Christian young business and professional men and women who are not only good citizens but strong Christian characters;

And Be It Further Resolved, That we urge the young people of America, both inside and outside of our churches, to be fearless in facing life and its problems, fearless in making decisions and fearless in acknowledging Jesus Christ as a pattern for their lives.

No. 2.—Whereas, Every Board of the United Lutheran Church in America has been represented at this Reading Convention by its Presidents, Executive Secretary, or official representative, indicating the great interest of the Church in the welfare and development of its young people; and

Whereas, The United Lutheran Church in America has been officially represented by its President, Dr. Frederick H. Knobel; and

Whereas, Representative missionaries and native Christians of our Mission fields have been present and have contributed in no small way to the world-wide influence of this great convention: Therefore

Be It Resolved, That we express our appreciation for their deep interest by a rising vote and that a copy of these resolutions be sent officially by the President and Executive Secretary to each agency so represented.

No. 3.—Whereas, It is now a real honor to be known as a National Luther League serving Jesus Christ through the United Lutheran Church in America; and

Whereas, Hundreds and thousands of our choice young men and women in our churches are not yet affiliated or have the benefit of membership in this great organization; Therefore

Be It Resolved, That the Executive Committee appoint a special committee to bring to the attention of every young man and woman in our churches the opportunities for services which they are overlooking, through a nation-wide campaign for new members either this fall or next spring;

And Be It Further Resolved, That such campaign be conducted not only among Senior members but include in its scope the Intermediates and Juniors.

No. 4.—Be It Resolved, That we commend the editors and publisher of the Luther League Review for its most attractive appearance and interesting contents month by month.

That we urge every Luther Leaguer in every one of our Churches to subscribe to it so that they may receive the benefits of its inspiration and information so that they may be equipped to more effectively work in advancing the cause of the Youth Movement in our Lutheran Church;

That the Executive Committee plan for an extensive subscription campaign beginning with Luther League Sunday, September 29th, and continuing during the months of October and November.

No. 5.—Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to arrange for a definite program of publicity which shall be in effect throughout the year and that releases be made by the Executive Secretary to the National Lutheran Council Publicity Bureau as well as to all other important avenues of publicity. That each State and Synodical organization send in the name of its appointee for the formation of an International Publicity Committee. That this International Publicity Committee shall be the news reporters for the Luther League Review as well as the distributors for the papers in their vicinity.

No. 6.—Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to study and to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Luther League of America and report at the next Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America.

That in the meantime the Committee shall report to the Executive Committee their findings and propose changes contemplated, and that before it is presented for final action to the Convention the Constitution and By-Laws, as revised, shall be approved by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America and the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

No. 7.—Resolved, That all registered Intermediate Luther Leagues in the Luther League of America be requested to contribute ten cents (10c) per capita beginning with the year 1932.

No. 8.—Resolved, That the Luther League of America assume the main building of the Lutheran Seminary in Japan at a cost of \$15,000 as its next missionary objective and that we raise \$7,500 of this amount during the coming biennium.

This item of the report brought forth much discussion. Amendment was offered that the entire amount of \$15,000 be raised during the coming biennium.

Motion was made and carried that this convention vote by acclamation by the delegates present.

The amendment was then voted on and carried. Resolution was adopted as amended. On motion the vote made unanimous.

No. 9.—Resolved, That we request the Canadian Delegates to convey to every one of their Luther Leagues in the Dominion our joy in co-partnership in His Vineyard during the past two years; and

That we extend the heartiest invitation to every Luther Leaguer in Canada to be present at the Detroit Convention in 1933, and

That we suggest to the Executive Committee of the Luther League of Canada our desire to visit them as a Convention during our Detroit Convention in 1933.

No. 10.—Whereas, We have been enthused by the timely visit of the Junior Secretary of the Luther League of Porto Rico, Miss Carmen Villarini, who is the head of the kindergarten work at the Training School at Monte Flores; and

Whereas, We have felt at this Convention the deep spiritual interest and fellowship of our fellow Luther Leaguers in Porto Rico as conveyed by their many messages; and

Whereas, The Luther League of Porto Rico have demonstrated their interest in the Reading Convention by a special issue of their news sheet; Therefore

Be It Resolved, That we request Miss Villarini to express to their next Convention our fraternal greetings and to assure them that we will further emphasize the cordiality of these greetings by our personal visit next June at the dedication services of the Training School in Monte Flores, Porto Rico; and

That a copy of this Resolution be sent in official form to the President of the Luther League of Porto Rico.

No. 11.—Resolved, That we note with gratitude and appreciation the presence of native Christian representatives from Japan, India, the Argentine, British Guiana, Virgin Islands, and Porto Rico and Germany, helping in this way to give distinction to the Reading Convention as International in actuality;

That we ask each of these representatives to convey to the youth of their country not only our fraternal greeting but their deep spiritual impression of this Reading Convention;

That the Executive Secretary of the Luther League of America send a copy of this action in official form to the proper officials and representatives.

No. 12.—Whereas, The divine call to other service came to Rev. Amos John Traver, D. D., for six years our General Secretary, to a pastorate in Frederick, Maryland; and

Whereas, Under his great leadership and consecration the Luther League of America entered its greatest era of resultful history, bringing to higher productiveness and greater efficiency the work so ably begun by his predecessors, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D.D., and Mr. Harry Hodges; and

Whereas, The highest honor that we can bestow upon any of our workers is their election to the honorary membership as a Life Member of the Luther League of America; Therefore

Be It Resolved, That we show our deep appreciation of his consecrated leadership and effective service by honoring him by his election as a Life Honorary Member of the Luther League of America; and

That We Accept These Resolutions By a rising vote and by instructing our Executive Committee to have them framed and presented to Rev. and Mrs. Traver as soon as possible.

No. 13.—Resolved, That we recognize by a rising vote of thanks the nine years of faithful and fruitful service of Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer as Treasurer and President of the Luther League of America and that we graciously acknowledge that the growth, expansion and influence of the Luther League of America during the past decade has been due to a large degree to his leadership and enthusiasm; and

That a copy of this Resolution be framed and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer as soon as practical.

No. 14.—Resolved, That we commend the retiring Executive Committee and Secretaries for the results which they have attained during the past biennium, and that we express our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

No. 15.—Resolved, That we heartily commend the action of the Executive Committee in calling Rev. Paul M. Kinports as the Executive Secretary of the Luther League of America and that we pledge anew our enthusiastic co-operation to him in advancing the Youth Movement of the United Lutheran Church in America through the Luther League of America.

No. 16.—Whereas, Rev. H. C. Roehner, D.D., Chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work of the United Lutheran Church in America, has been ill for a long period of time and has been unable to attend this Convention; and

Whereas, We are conscious that he is with us in spirit and with best wishes; therefore

Be It Resolved, That we express our sincere hope for his speedy recovery and that we bow our heads in silent prayer, praying the Source of all strength for His richest blessing.

No. 17.—Resolved, That this Convention extend a rising vote of appreciation and thanks to the pastors loci, pastors, Luther Leagues, and members of the Reading and Berks County churches for their kind and gracious hospitality; to the Convention Chaplain and speakers for their inspirational messages; to the singing preachers; to the press for its exceptional publicity; to the General Chairman, Mr. Luther Schmehl, and his Assistant Chairman, Mrs. Swavely, the efficient committee for their untiring efforts in making this 19th Biennial Convention not only the most representative Convention in our history, but outstandingly in a national scope. That this Resolution be printed in the Luther League Review and copies sent to all who have contributed to the great success of this Convention.

No. 18.—Resolved, That since the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America has accepted the invitation to hold the 1933 Convention at Detroit, Michigan, we aim to make that Convention the greatest Convention in Luther League history;

That we express special appreciation to the Detroit Chamber of Commerce Convention Bureau not only for their special interest indicated by the visit of their Convention Bureau Secretary but for their promise to assist the Detroit Luther League Committee to carry out our desires as expressed in the first part of the Resolution.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Pennsylvania contributed the first \$5 toward the new Missionary Objective. Miss Mehhouse stated that the Juniors had already given \$42 toward the new objective.

Treasurer Fuhr reported the offering on Sunday evening amounted to \$381. Total received thus far for Porto Rico, \$24,302.52.

Report of Auditing Committee found the financial statement of the Treasurer to be correct. Adopted.

Registration Committee reported 1173 delegates registered, coming from twenty-seven (27) states and six (6) nations.

The business session was declared closed.

Monday night the Farewell Service was held in Grace Church.

Vespers in charge of Chaplain Simonton.

Announcement was made of the election by the Executive Committee of Miss Winnie Butt, Charleston, S. C., as Missionary Secretary; Rev. Chester S. Simonton, Harrisburg, Pa., as Life

Service Secretary, and Miss Irene C. Schaeffer, New York, to fill the unexpired term of Miss Butt.

The officers and members of the Executive Committee were installed by Rev. Chester S. Simonton, Convention Chaplain.

The Farewell Address, "The Christ Who Fulfills," was delivered by Rev. Henry W. Snyder, D.D., of Washington, D.C., who painted for us a picture of a Father who fulfills. "One of the essentials of parenthood," he said, "is to fulfill. He fulfills because He gives to us the underlying principles of life as our ideals. In this age we need to be impressed with the Holiness of God. Jesus gives to us the ideal of purity of life. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. He is the Christ who fulfills because He fulfills His promises to us. The program of the world is, get all you can, but the program of Christ is give and serve."

Kenneth Killinger, from our work in the mountains of Virginia, was introduced to the Convention.

The new President, Herbert W. Fischer, then made his official "bow" to the convention.

(Editor's Note: For the benefit of those who had to leave the Convention early, the following addresses were taken in shorthand, that you might know exactly what happened in the closing presentations at this greatest of all Luther League Conventions.)

In calling Past President Dittmer to the Chancel of the Church, "Herb" said: "Nine years ago this September, in the city of York, Pennsylvania, a young man was elected Treasurer. At that time the budget was very small and we couldn't do a great deal of work. It is mainly due to the efforts of you, Mr. Dittmer, that the Luther League of America was able to do great things. In 1927, in Salisbury, North Carolina, this young man was elected President. He has been President until this evening."

We have figured that at 365 days a year, that he has been President and Treasurer 3,285 days. The Luther Leaguers have banded together and have decided to pay you, Mr. Dittmer, two and one-half cents a day for your good work, or \$82 for all the time you served. At this time it gives me great pleasure to present to you \$82, which is mostly in pennies, from the Luther Leaguers of America and with it goes the best wishes of all your Luther League friends."

In accepting the gift Mr. Dittmer said to the Convention: "Now I can see why I was persuaded to miss my train. No doubt I will have to walk to Harrisburg."

Really, Luther Leaguers, this is indeed quite a surprise. This has been a great convention and it has been a great joy to me to compare with Mrs. Dittmer, the convention held at York, Pennsylvania. Point by point we went over the program. It is great to see the wonderful progress that has been made.

Too often the President gets a great deal of credit, which he is not entitled to. But the credit is due to those co-workers who have done so much for you and for me, and I want you to take away this one thought. This great progress is not due to the efforts of any individual. First we must give credit to those members of the Executive Committee, then to the State officers, on down to the District officers and then to the local Leaguers. All have helped to make this great convention a success. I say and I know that you will agree with me that this convention was really worthwhile. You have been loyal to me and to the Luther League of America and though the way at times has been hard, you have been ever helpful. All I ask now, is, that the loyalty you have shown me, you now consecrate to the leadership of your new President. It is a great joy to me to be able to pass on the work to a man who knows the work so well, and I want you and everyone to give him your full loyalty, and to do all things as we say in the Luther League, "the over-subscription way."

The great session you had this afternoon shows the Luther League spirit, and we ask that you might show the same great spirit when you come to Detroit and can say that it has been over-subscribed.

I thank you for the privilege of serving you as your President, I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me from time to time, and I thank you most heartily for this, your token and expression of love.

Dr. M. J. Bieber, retiring member of the Executive Committee, was then called forward. "Herb" said: "I want to express to you on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America, our sincere appreciation for the work that you have done for us and for the inspiration you have brought to the Luther Leaguers. As an expression of our thanks and appreciation, the Executive Committee wishes to present to you this set of Luther League Emblem Book Ends."

In accepting the gift of Book Ends, Dr. Bieber said: "This is sudden like the time when my wife proposed to me, and I didn't know what to say, so it is tonight. But I do say that I appreciate it ever so much."

I helped to organize the Luther League of America in 1895 in the city of Pittsburgh. I have had the privilege of attending every convention since. I have seen wonderful changes in the Luther League of America and they have always been upward. I remember that at that convention, the ministers said they were afraid of this thing. I think you will find that they have taken the bit in their teeth and will run away with us, they said. I said, "they have been running away from you many years, and they may just as well take you along." So you have taken your ministers right along. You are the young blood. Thank God for the Luther Leaguers of America. They have been an inspiration to the ministers. At the United Lutheran Church in America convention, we had delegates from the Norwegian Lutheran Church. They have a Luther League as well as the Danes, the Swedes, and many others, and these young people are getting together and co-operating with one another and we pray they may stand by the ones who will help form a great United Lutheran Church in America. That day is coming and we pray that it may come soon.

I have seen three General Secretaries, Kuhn, Hodges and Traver, and I now see the fourth one, Rev. Paul M. Kinports. I have also seen the good Presidents that we have had. May you always remain faithful and loyal to them, dear Luther Leaguers.

"Herb" then called the new First Vice-President, John George Kurzenknebe, to the chancel. John George said: "I would like to call to the floor our past General Secretary, Rev. Amos John Traver, D.D."

To those who have labored with Dr. Traver these past six years have learned to fondly call him Uncle Amos. This job was delegated to me this evening since it was part of our work during the past six months to compile this book.

I do not know of any person in the Luther League of America that has been more closely associated with Uncle Amos, outside of his wife, than I have been as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee during these past two years. Together we would labor, together we talked and together we worked.

I might say here tonight to this audience that this is the first time that the five officers of the Luther League have all been living in the life of single bliss. That speaks well of the Luther League of America. On the bottom of the correspondence that I get from time to time from Rev. Traver, he writes, "Come down with your intended and I will fix you up and I will give you some famous Barbara Fritchie candy." I told him the candy did not interest me, but I might come down to Frederick someday about matrimonial assistance, to see what he and Aunt Florence could do for me.

At the Executive Committee meeting in January it was decided that we secure \$5000 in Sustaining Memberships before the time of this Convention, and it was thought that it would be a fine tribute if we could give to the retiring General Secretary a book just chock full of signatures of the Luther Leaguers of America taking out Memberships. This was done and the funds that have been secured have been transferred to the Luther League of America Treasury and we are now ready to present Dr. Amos John Traver the book containing these signatures. We had another book to put them in, but it was too small to hold them, so we had to secure another that was larger at the last minute and it is with the appreciation of the Luther Leaguers of America that we bring this book to you. In it you will find the many, many names of your friends. When you are tired from a day of hard work, you can go to your study, reach in the bookcase for this book, seat yourself in the old armchair, grab an apple, prop your feet on the radiator, turn the radio to "Let the Rest of the World Go By" and in peace and contentment read what your friends have so lovingly written you. It will bring back many fond memories of the times you have spent with them. We know you will have lots of fun from it. If I may say it myself, I have read the book as it was being prepared—from cover to cover, and want to assure you that the sincere words written therein, are but a little of the true love we have for you, Uncle Amos, and it is with a heart just full of joy that I present to you this book in the name and with the love of the Luther Leaguers throughout America. The precious book was handed over.

In accepting the book "Uncle Amos" said: I appreciate this book more than words can express. Before I say any more about this book, I want to say that the comradeship of John George has been a real pleasure in my work.

This book will be treasured for many reasons, treasured because it contains signatures, and as I read them I will recall many, many pleasant meetings that have been held with the Luther Leaguers in all my work. Signatures represent people. They are symbols of people and their possessions. A signature is a pledge that can never be taken back and so I find in this book the pledge of the Luther Leaguers to the Lutheran Church. A pledge not alone of friendship, not alone of comradeship, but a pledge to the future of the Luther League of America. I am so glad these gifts are going into the treasury of the Luther League of America, and as I read over these signatures, I will think of the good these funds are doing and thank God that they are helping the future of the Lutheran Church. It is also a pledge for the future support of your new administration. As I read every friend's signature, I read with great joy, not alone friendship and support in my work, but their loyal support of Rev. Paul M. Kinports, and I lay down my work

with satisfaction that it will be well taken care of. I know you shall be willing to give and give again of time, talents and money, that this great movement shall go on and the youth of the church shall be bound together for greater service, which is your pledge to the Master.

My prayers go on for each and every one of you. May we renew our pledge for a greater service and respond as the voice of the Christ speaks and may we answer, "Here am I, use me."

Chaplain Simonton then called upon Rev. Paul Miller Kinports, the Executive Secretary, who gave the farewell message to the Leaguers. He said: "I have found you to be true and loyal followers of the Church of Jesus Christ. Whatever the people's statements might be concerning you, by the press and by the articles appearing in the magazines, I have always told the pastors of our churches that the report is of the minority of the youth of the land. If that were true of the majority, then the leaders of our church would have reason to fear and reason to find discomfort, but that report is of the minority. The majority of our young people today we believe are staunch, true and tried followers of Jesus Christ. I know you are fun-loving, happy and sometimes boisterous, but deep down in your hearts, we believe you are true followers of the Christ Who Fulfills.

Just a few months ago you elected me General Secretary. I have answered that call after considerable prayer and meditation, after days of prayer. Never in our lives did we pray as we prayed when the call came to us from the youth of the Lutheran Church

and I say to you tonight, we answered that call and we now stand before you as your servant. The foundation has been laid and it is our privilege to build upon these foundations the superstructure of the Luther League of America, that Christ's Kingdom may be advanced and His glory and power be revealed to the world through us.

Five days we have spent on the mountain top, and great days they were. Days of meditation and praise, days in which we received the spiritual strength of God's Word. Many days you have dreamed of this convention. We go down tonight from the mountain top. We go down, into the valley, to our homes, to our places of business and to reveal to others that which we have learned in our hearts at this great convention. I want to ask that you go home to your Leagues and to your Churches, be loyal to the pastors of your congregation, be loyal to the program of that congregation and make your League program fit into the life of your congregation and to the larger task of the church of which you are a part.

May God's richest blessing go with you and may you feel the blessings of Him every day as you travel the road, the highway of life. May you continue to go and do the work and serve the way He would want you to.

Our program will be developed from time to time for you to carry on. We know we are following in the footsteps of one who has striven hard to bring to the Luther Leaguers the education necessary in the life of the youth of our church. We shall strive with all our hearts to continue this great work left for us to do. We ask your hearty co-operation and we know we shall have your prayers. We ask this loyalty to the program of the Luther League and to the great church to which we belong.

As we think of Christ, may we follow Him and do His will, that our lives may be a fine example unto others, that we may show them the way to Him who saves from sin. God bless every one and may His Holy Spirit guide you into a truer consecrated Christian life. God grant His blessings as you travel to your home and may His Spirit be with you always.

With the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn, the 19th Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America passed into history.

To select any one session or speaker as a headliner would be impossible. Every session was interesting and helpful. Every speaker an inspiration.

Quiet Moments by our Chaplain, the music by the "Singing Preachers," who sang at almost every session, the presence of our visitors from across the seas, the hospitality manifested at every turn by the people of Reading, are some of the memories every Leaguer will treasure in his heart.

One interesting feature not included in the program was the planting of an elm tree in Trinity churchyard, commemorating the Convention. The shovel brought by Miss Villarini was used in breaking ground for our Training School in Porto Rico. President Dittmer placed the first shovel of dirt around the tree, followed in succession by Miss Villarini, Miss May Scherer, Missionary Secretary, and the Missionary Secretary or a representative of each State, and then other Leaguers until the tree was planted.

The Convention is over, memories of it will linger long in our hearts, but we now turn our faces toward Detroit in 1933.



Uncle Amos Traver
"Smiling Through"



Part of the Exhibit displayed in Pomeroy's, one of the large Department stores, to advertise the Convention.

It contained the best dolls from the Doll Show, handwork of the Juniors and Intermediates, and material made by Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors for the Inner-Mission Society of Reading.

DETROIT WELCOMES YOU IN 1933



Here we have Carl Oldenburg and his Detroit enthusiasts as they ran around the Race Track on the Reading Fair Grounds in a car placarded "Detroit 1933." And that's where we are going.



THE GREATEST OF ALL LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTIONS



THE POST-CONVENTION TRIP AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL



THE NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION AT LONG BEACH



19TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, READING, PENNA., JULY 2-6, 1931



SEE THEIR SMILING FACES! WHAT A TRIP IT WAS!



HELD MAY 30, 31, 1931. LOOKS LIKE A NATIONAL!

DETROIT—THE CITY BEAUTIFUL—1933

On a broad, level expanse, by the bank of a deep blue river, sits Detroit, the world's most modern metropolis. Her site and traditions are a heritage from the hardy explorers of the Seventeenth Century; her greatness of today is a tribute to the industrial era of the Twentieth.

Within Detroit's unhampered boundaries a mighty host happily works, plays and lives.

Detroit is busy. Detroit is progressive. Detroit does things with a will and a zest. And in the doing Detroit has developed, instinctively, or by intent, a beauty that is all her own.

Detroit's streets and boulevards are wide and lined with shade trees that root deep in her fertile soil. Her cloud-capped towers of business vary pleasantly in hue and outline. Her world-famous industrial plants stand majestic in their history of tremendous, continuous achievement. Her attractive homes are set in gardens. Her parks and playgrounds are spacious, well-kept and ubiquitous. With all the pride of prosperous ownership, Detroit presents to the world a picture that is modern, characteristic and distinctively original—a beautiful city, beautiful in its own way and to the standards of its present generation that has made it so.

Detroit has 625 churches—United Lutheran Churches, 17.

Start a convention fund. Now is the time. Ten cents a day until the day of the convention and you have \$70.00 for convention expenses.

THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WRITES

Dear Leaguers:

As I write this letter to you we are approaching the last days of the month of July. I can hardly believe that the summer has passed the half-way mark. As I look back over the days since I became your Executive Secretary, the three months since I assumed office, I record three of the busiest months of my ministry. I used to hear the pastors and laymen from time to time say, "Oh, he is an Executive Secretary, he has a soft job, the swivel chair kind of a job." That is all right to say when one has had no experience in the "job!" I surely can testify to you Leaguers that the statement is all wrong and take it from your Secretary the statement is not true. Now since that is off my mind, let us get a retrospect of the convention.

We sure had a great convention and from all over the world, the word comes that the convention will surely help the work of the church and have a decided effect upon the future of the Luther League. Every one of you had a part in making it a success. Those in attendance and those at home whose prayers and spirit were with the convention. Your behavior was par excellence, but what more could you expect of Leaguers and the youth of the church? My faith in you was strengthened one hundred per cent. How it thrilled us to see you in attendance at the convention sessions. We are sure you received much good from the fellowship, the addresses and the many things that are an inspiration at such a convention. It was quite a busy time for me and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the convention. I was very sorry that I could not have had more time for fellowship with you as Leaguers from the

various State and Synodical Leagues, but I hope the opportunity comes that I may visit your State or Synodical convention and there get better acquainted.

Not many days after the convention I had the pleasure, among others, to have lunch with Baron von Kirchbach, whom all of you that attended the Reading Convention will remember as the speaker on Saturday evening and the head of the German Youth Movement, or as some of you termed him, "Daddy Long Legs." I asked the Baron for his impression of the convention. He said that he thoroughly enjoyed the convention and remarked of the fine spiritual tone and life of the convention. In connection with that I asked him how he enjoyed the convention. He replied that he enjoyed it very much, but as he deals only with boys in the youth movement of Germany, he could not get used to having so many girls at a convention and that his arm was very tired till he autographed so many convention programs.

Since the convention I attended the Ministerium of Pennsylvania Summer School at Paradise Falls, where I conducted two conferences on Luther League work, and on Sunday morning conducted the service and delivered the sermon, in the evening we enjoyed the fellowship of St. John's Lutheran Church at Stroudsburg, where we met the fine group of Leaguers, who under the guidance of Pastor Wohlsen, are doing a fine work for their congregation. It sure was delightful up in the mountains and I surely profited by the experience. The Ministerium Summer School was attended in larger numbers this year and they surely had a fine program.

Then came the Pennsylvania State Convention. And what a convention. The attendance was not as large as other years, greatly due to having a national convention within the State in the same month. The program was excellent and the same spirit that characterized the Reading Convention was carried over into the State convention. We here had the high honor of presenting to the retiring President, none other than our good friend, John George, a book of memoirs. Surely he deserved this fine recognition for his faithful services to the League of Pennsylvania State.

I wish you could have looked upon the pages of the book. I did, and I know the many appropriate and original things that were arranged on the pages for old times' sake. Was he stumped? He could hardly utter a word but did at last offer words of thanks.

From Pennsylvania State we travelled over the mountains to Buffalo and west along Lake Erie to Toledo, Ohio. Here we were met by none other than our active Leaguer and member of the Executive Committee, Rev. R. G. Schulz, known to many of the Leaguers as "Rudy." After a trip to the beautiful residential section of Toledo, and known as Ottawa Hills, we motored to Lakeside, where the Synod of Ohio held their Summer School and the Ohio State Luther League held their convention. But before I tell you of Lakeside, let me tell you of the fine piece of constructive work that Rev. Schulz is doing at Toledo. A growing Sunday School and a newly-organized Luther League, and plans for the building of a fine chapel, the church located in a beautiful and growing section of Toledo with the new Toledo University buildings in the community, and with such a leader as Rev. Schulz we look for great things in the future.

Now to Lakeside. I enjoyed my short stay at Lakeside and made many contacts among the Leaguers,

delivered the address at the evening session and conducted two discussion groups on Saturday morning. They had a fine summer school and the convention of the Luther League was well attended and a fine League spirit prevailed.

From Lakeside we travelled to Cape May Point for Sunday services. Yes, we shall learn about travelling. Not having had a great lot of experience there are lessons that we can learn and believe me I am learning my lessons in the school of experience, which after all is a good teacher.

Now since the convention is over and we have received such valuable help and inspiration let us not permit it to be wasted. The Lord wants us to make

use of our experiences in life and there is splendid opportunity to make use of the information and inspiration received at the convention in the League and in the church. Let us set the wheels of the Luther League moving with greater energy and put our resolutions into reality.

Will tell you of the contemplated trip to the Mid-West Region in our next epistle. Till then, au revoir.

May God's richest blessing attend all your service for the League and the church. I am

Leagueally yours,

Paul M. Kimports

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Intermediates Still Go Forward



Group Attending Intermediate Rally, Sunday Afternoon, July 5th, at St. James' Lutheran Church, Reading, Penna., During the Greatest of All Luther League Conventions

THIRD ANNUAL INTERMEDIATE INSTITUTE

Called for Saturday, September 19, 1931, in the Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. All Intermediate Leagues within a given territory will receive a printed program of the Institute on or about September 1st. Plan to be present, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Superintendent.

SAYS UNCLE BIM TO HIS BIMLETS—SAYS HE

The 19th Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America saw the Intermediate Department and her boys and girls in typical form—in action. We weren't still a minute, and that goes for your Secretary too. Why, I even had to lead the brass quartet and 4500 Lutherans at the Fair Grounds in singing Ein Feste Burg. The only fellow that criticized that effort was the devil, so we should worry.

In order that the "little and big" Intermediates that stayed at home might get an earful of the doings of their department at Reading, I'll list them as they appeared on the program of the convention.

First Exhibit

We started off by eating. Boys and girls are like horses in respect to doing better work after being fed.

So we—350 strong—dined together at noon on Friday at the Y. M. C. A. Besides eating we sang and were "sung to" by the quartet of "Singing Parsons." Miss March and her troop of Birdsboro teen-agers staged two dramatic and bloodless stunts. On the table were two favors for each guest. One was of lollypop design, made by Miss Elsa Becker, of Philadelphia, and assisted by a group of her Intermediate loyalists. Miss Becker insists that each favor required 2 distinct and separate executions to make. Thanks, Miss Elsa, twenty-five times! The other favor was a small, cleverly designed Luther League emblem, made by the Atonement League of Saugerties, N. Y. Thanks, too, Mrs. Hersh and Leaguers.

Second Exhibit

From the dining hall we went to the convention church to present the Intermediate program, which was as follows:

PRESENTATION OF INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM

Friday at 2:00 P. M. Before the Convention

Rev. C. M. Teufel, D.D., Presiding

Quiet Moments - - - - The Chaplain
Devotions—Harry Ludwig, Grace Intermediate Luther League, Shillington

Report of Intermediate Secretary - Rev. R. J. Wolf
 Address: The Intermediate and His Relationship to the
 Church - - - Rev. Amos J. Traver, D.D.
 Anthem—Intermediate Choir: "A Little Prayer"

Bernard Hamblen

Address: "How to Help the Intermediate Realize His
 Relationship to the Church Through the Intermedi-
 ate Program - - - Rev. J. E. Stockman

Debate: "Resolved, That Success Comes by Luck and
 Not by Pluck"—Affirmative, Miss Ruth Wiker (A
 Senior), Drexel Hill, Pa.; Negative, Carolyn Stand-
 ish, Epiphany Intermediate Luther League, Brook-
 lyn, N. Y.

Reading: Selected—Miss Elizabeth Shaw, Cairnbrook
 Remarks - - - Intermediate Secretary

Anthem—Intermediate Choir: "From Day to Day"

Bernard Hamblen

Singing of Intermediate Rally Hymn

Commenting on the above we wish to say that a
 better program and better participants for the program
 were not desired. We thank one and all who took part.
 In passing it is our pride to announce that the judges
 declared Miss Carolyn Standish, an Intermediate of Epi-
 phany, Brooklyn, N. Y., the winner of the debate.



Intermediate Choir Who Sang During the
 Intermediate Sessions at Reading

Third Exhibit

Two discussion groups were held in the interests of
 our work. The time allowed for this important phase
 was so short that little of a constructive nature resulted.
 We hope to accomplish at our Third Annual Institute,
 to be held in Philadelphia on Saturday, September 19,
 1931, what we failed to do at Reading.

Fourth Exhibit

This was the Sunday afternoon rally of Intermedi-
 ates at St. James' Lutheran Church. Five hundred per-
 sons were present, most of whom were teen-agers, too.
 Look elsewhere in this issue of the Review for the pic-
 ture of those who were fortunate enough to get a peep
 at the birdie. The Reading Committee presented each
 person at the rally with a white button, centered by the
 Luther League emblem, around which were the words,
 "Intermediate Convention, July 5, 1931, Reading, Pa."
 The program at the rally was as follows:

PROGRAM

Rev. Henry K. Lantz, Presiding

1. Orchestra Music: 2:30 to 3:00 P. M.

2. Devotions—Anthony Bodanza, St. James' Intermedi-
 ate Luther League, Reading

Hymn 129

Psalm 24

Prayer

Scripture Lesson: I Samuel 3:2-10

Hymn 212

3. Talk: "What the Study of the Intermediate Topics
 Means to Me"—Ida Mae Fox, Redeemer, Reading

4. Reading: Selected, Miss Elizabeth Shaw, Cairnbrook

5. Talk: "How Daily Bible Reading Helps Me"

Gerald Kochel, St. John's, Boyertown

6. Hymn 565

7. Talk: "What the Philadelphia District Intermediate
 Luther League Has Done for Me"—Frank Ren-
 zetti, St. Peter's (Italian), Philadelphia

8. Anthem: "A Little Prayer" - Intermediate Choir

9. Offering

10. Address: "The Christ Who Fulfills and Fills Full"
 Rev. R. J. Wolf, Intermediate Secretary, Luther
 League of America

11. Singing of Intermediate Rally Hymn

12. Benediction

Fifth Exhibit

The fifth and final item to be mentioned was the
 only motionless thing about our part on the program.
 It was our first Hobby Fair. In it were displayed hob-
 bies of stamps, quilts, photographs, pennies, magic,
 match box tops, envelope lining covered jars, and even
 a doll with costumes for every season of the year.
 (Please notify us whose doll it is. We mislaid the
 card accompanying it.) While the number of exhibits
 at the Hobby Fair was disappointing to us, we believe
 a good beginning was made. At least a mighty good
 showing was made and no little attention given to it.
 The winners of the prizes offered for the best exhibits
 are as follows:

1. Redeemer, Reading. Quilt Exhibit (general).
 Prize, a set of 1932 Reading Course books.

2. Grace, Shillington. Quilt Exhibit (general).
 Prize, a copy of the Intermediate Rally Photograph.

3. John Koch, Church of the Ascension, Savannah,
 Ga. Historic Photo Exhibit. Prize, a Luther League
 pin.

4. Ophans' Home, Zelenople, Pa. Stamp Photo
 Exhibit. Prize, undetermined.

The Resolutions Committee offered the following
 resolution pertaining to the Intermediate Department:

"That all registered Intermediate Luther Leagues in
 the Luther League of America pay a ten cent annual
 per capita national dues, beginning with the year 1932."

The resolution received the endorsement of the
 Convention. Said dues will be collected through the
 several District and State organizations.

In closing this section of my letter, recognition is
 herein given to the fine way Miss Marie Walb, chair-
 man of the Reading Intermediate Committee on Ar-
 rangements, and her committee, did their job. Also to
 The Kurzenknabe Press, our most able and generous
 minded printers, for donating the Convention Flyers and
 Rally Programs. A limited supply of both, including
 the rally buttons, are available for those who desire
 them. Write me for them.

Uncle Amos' Book

It is with great pride to announce that 97 Inter-
 mediate Leagues appear in Uncle Amos' Memory Book

as having contributed 1931 Sustaining Memberships to the work of the Luther League. You may well take pride in the gift of \$467.40, or about one-eleventh of the total amount raised throughout the Luther League family. In order not to be impartial to none, the following list of Leagues represent the unannounced Sustaining Memberships:

Grace, Pittsburgh, Pa.	\$ 5.00
First, Shelby, Ohio	5.00
Epiphany, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
Brooklyn, N. Y., District	10.00
Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.	5.00
St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
St. Paul's, Richmond Hill, N. Y.	5.00
Christ, New York City	5.00
Christ, Little Neck, N. Y.	5.00
Good Shepherd, South Ozone Park, N. Y.	5.00
St. Luke's, Farmingdale, N. Y.	5.00
Holy Trinity, Hollis, N. Y.	5.00
Transfiguration, New York City	5.00
Trinity, Rochester, N. Y.	5.00
Zion, Utica, N. Y.	5.00
Our Saviour's Atonement, New York City	5.00
St. Mark's, Monroeville, Ind.	5.00
Redeemer, Reading, Pa.	5.00
Emmanuel, Baltimore, Md.	5.00
Virginia Heights, Roanoke, Va.	5.00
St. Mark's, Roanoke, Va.	5.00
St. Mark's, Blacksburg, Va.	5.00
St. Paul's, Liverpool, N. Y.	5.00
St. Stephen's, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2.40
St. Paul's, Syracuse, N. Y.	5.00
Beatrice Flanders, Holy Communion, New York City	2.00
Nora Hovrud, St. James', New York City	1.00
St. John's, Bronx, N. Y.	5.00
Rev. C. B. Holand, Grace, Forest Hills, N. Y.	1.00
St. Andrew's, Richmond Hills, N. Y.	5.00
Mr. Heeren, St. Peter's, Williamsbridge, N. Y.	3.00
St. Thomas', New York City	5.00
St. Matthew's, Charleston, S. C.	5.00
Messiah, Philadelphia, Pa.	5.00
Hebron, Madison, Va.	5.00
Haven, Salisbury, N. C.	5.00
Grace, Phillipsburg, N. J.	5.00
Trinity, Greenville, S. C.	5.00
People's, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Holy Trinity, Jeanette, Pa.	5.00
Trinity, Hagerstown, Md.	5.00
Grace, Fairmont, W. Va.	5.00
First, Johnstown, Pa.	5.00
Philadelphia District	5.00
North Austin, Chicago, Ill.	5.00
Uncle Ben	8.00
Faith, St. Paul, Minn.	5.00
Christ, Staunton, Va.	5.00
Grace, Red Lion, Pa.	5.00
St. John's, Cherryville, N. C.	5.00
Grace, Drexel Hill, Pa.	5.00
St. Paul's, Hastings, Neb.	5.00

Porto Rico Kindergarten

In like manner we rejoice in the department's \$883.23 contribution to the Porto Rican objective. Of this amount 170 Leagues gave \$833.79; the offering of the Reading Rally was \$25.75; and interest amounted to \$23.69. Chalk up another home run for our side. Recognition is herewith given to those Leagues not yet named as contributors to this fund:

Previously reported	\$611.22
132. Friedens, Lincoln, Neb.	5.00
133. St. John's, Syracuse, N. Y.	10.00
134. Zion, Syracuse, N. Y.	5.00
135. St. Mark's, Roanoke, Va.	3.38
136. St. John's, Passaic, N. J.	10.00
137. Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.	5.00
138. Trinity, Johnstown, Pa.	10.00
139. St. Luke's, Omaha, Neb.	5.00
140. Grace, Pittsburgh, Pa.	4.00
141. Trinity, Butler, Pa.	5.00
142. Orphans' Home, Zelenople, Pa.	5.00
143. St. Paul's, Rochester, Pa.	5.00
144. New York State Intermediates	47.15
145. St. Paul's, Utica, N. Y.	2.00
146. Intermediate League, New York	3.35
147. Newberry District, S. C.	2.50
148. St. Matthew's, Charleston, S. C.	7.50
149. Incarnation, Columbia, S. C.	1.00
150. St. Paul's, Columbia, S. C.	4.00
151. Southern District, S. C.	2.50
152. Richland District, S. C.	1.80
153. Ascension, Columbia, S. C.	3.00
154. St. Andrew's, Charleston, S. C.	5.00
155. St. Luke's, Summerville, S. C.	2.50
156. Colony, Newberry, S. C.	.70
157. Trinity, Greenville, S. C.	5.00
158. Holy Trinity, Jeanette, Pa.	5.00
159. Grace, Fairmont, W. Va.	1.00
160. Miss Norma Gantz, Fairmont, W. Va.	1.00
161. Christ, Staunton, Va.	5.00
162. Trinity, Taneytown, Md.	5.00

163. Our Saviour, Baltimore, Md.	7.19
164. Nebraska Intermediates	12.00
165. First, Johnstown, Pa.	4.00
166. Holy Trinity, Bethlehem, Pa.	5.00
167. Grace, Drexel Hill, Pa.	2.00
168. Holy Trinity, Little Mountain, S. C.	5.00
169. St. Andrew's, Charleston, S. C.	5.00
170. St. John's, Statesville, N. C.	5.00
171. Rally Offering	25.75
172. Interest	23.69
Total	\$883.23

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Redeemer, Utica, N. Y., reported that Lois Hitzelberger, Avis Downs, George Oliver, Lyndsay Fowler and Jean Ehrsam read the books of the 1931 Reading Course.

Sister Pearle Lyerly informs me that the first charter member of Advent Intermediate Luther League of New York City was consecrated to the office of Deaconess at the Baltimore Mother House on April 9, 1931. The former Intermediate holding this unique distinction is Sister Elaine Dunlap. We beseech God's richest blessing on Sister Elaine and her work.

This paragraph was sent in by Miss Ruth Mathaney, Baltimore's genial and efficient Intermediate Secretary:

The Baltimore Intermediates under the leadership of Miss Ruth Mathaney, Intermediate Secretary, held their first annual banquet in the Messiah Lutheran Church on May 8, 1931. The speaker of the evening was Rev. John Link, pastor in the Starr Church of Baltimore, who took for his topic "Be Somebody." About 125 Intermediate Leaguers attended and the affair will go down in Luther League history as one to be long remembered.

From Vancouver, B. C., comes this:

Intermediates and Confirmation Class Entertained by Seniors

The Vancouver League did honor to their younger sister League when they were hosts to the Intermediates and Confirmation Class at a banquet held on Monday, April 20. And very amiable hosts and guests each proved to be.

Rev. Carl Olson, guest speaker from Central Church, Seattle, gave an inspiring and lucid talk, that could not help but provoke high Christian thinking in those who heard him. He stressed the proper choice between the two S's, Selfishness and Service.

The banqueters were fortunate in having another distinguished guest in the person of Rev. D. Kistler, who happened to be in the city at the time. Rev. L. Rode also was present and gave a short address. Members of the Church Council, Intermediate League members and Senior Leaguers gave short addresses. Steve Pasjack acted toastmaster. Some good musical numbers by members of the League were also enjoyed. The details were in charge of Helen Halberg, Doris Hoover and Josie Tipping.

All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable event, with a singing, laughing, noisy crowd of sixty "youngsters," happy under the influence of the spirit of good Christian fellowship.

Out goes me!

Faithfully,

The Junior Department Greets You



The Great Crowd of Children Attending the Junior Rally on Sunday Afternoon, July 5th, in Grace Church.
Over 1000 Were in Attendance, and What a Great Time It Was

Dear Leaguers:

Because of Convention material our message will be brief this month. It consists of just two words:

Thanks! Thanks to every Junior, every superintendent, every Leaguer, who made our work at the convention possible! The Junior Secretary was almost overwhelmed with the fine cooperation. The Doll Show was fine and we publicly thank every Junior League which sent a doll. They were lovely and were the center of attraction at the Convention. The Junior Exhibit was wonderful—such an array of fine material we never saw gathered before! We thank every one who sent anything for the Exhibit. We started to acknowledge every bit of material received with a personal letter, but the task became too tremendous! So even though you did not get a personal letter of thanks you may be assured that your material was received and exhibited and your cooperation deeply appreciated. To the Berks District Juniors and their superintendents a special note is due. How they worked! And what a fine Rally they put over! And to Mrs. Swavely, the "major domo" of the Junior activities, a real vote of appreciation is due. Weighed down with the whole convention details she never forgot the Juniors and to her leadership much of the success of the Junior Department at Reading can be attributed. **Thanks!**

Forward! We in the Junior Department reach one mark only to set another! ! Our fine work at the Reading Convention was only a stepping stone to higher things. Forward! Seniors! The challenge which the Juniors gave you at Reading was to organize the Juniors everywhere! Every Senior League should appoint a Junior Secretary at their first meeting and send the name to the Junior Secretary immediately. Next—we have a new objective to work for—Japan. Let us give it the same support that we gave Porto Rico. Again—On to Detroit! Let us start to plan how we can get the Juniors there! October is Junior Month in the Luther League of America. Let every Senior League be busy with the plans which will shortly be sent. The annual letter to all Junior Secretaries will be sent out soon with plans for the work. Forward! And ever forward in the great work of training the children!

Next month is Junior League Month and the Luther League Review will be given over largely to us. Watch for us and **pray!**

Your Junior Secretary,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

THE JUNIORS

—had a splendid Exhibit. Hats off to them! All kinds of material used by them to illustrate their Topics was shown. Mr. Hodges said, "I have seen in only one other place so many objects gathered together—and that was—in Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent Stores!"

—staged a "Doll Show". Rows upon rows of smiling dolls of all kinds greeted the delegates. They came from more than a dozen states, Canada and Porto Rico.

—and their friends filled Grace Church on Sunday afternoon for the Junior Rally. More than a thousand attended.

—contributed \$40.50 to the new Objective—Japan—at their Rally on Sunday afternoon.

—had as their special guest Miss Carmen M. Villarini, our Junior Secretary in Porto Rico. She made a distinct impression on the convention.

—and their superintendents of Berks District deserve special commendation for their splendid cooperation. They worked hard, helping with the Exhibit and Doll Show, planning the Rally and taking part and assisting in every way possible during the whole convention. They made the Junior work possible. Thanks.

—all over the country made so many favors for the Junior Luncheon on Monday noon that each guest had to be given a bag in which to carry them away.

—were all set for the new Objective. Did you see the fine Japan booth which they had in the Exhibit? And did you notice the beautiful Japanese decorations at the Junior Luncheon.

THE JUNIOR EXHIBIT

"Marvelous!" This seemed to be the favorite adjective which the delegates used when they first glimpsed the Exhibit arranged by the Juniors. The Junior Secretary heard it on every side. Dr. Bieber came in and his comment was, "Well! This is Fairyland!"

Suggestions of every sort for work which the Juniors can do, either to illustrate the Junior Topics or to help others in orphan home or mission station were on every side. One large room was filled and the Exhibit overflowed into another room.

Two large banners made by the Juniors in India greeted one at either door. A large booth filled with most attractive articles, native hand work, curios, sewing, etc., from our Porto Rico Juniors was most graciously presided over by Miss Villarini.

A missionary exhibit from New York contained many missionary villages, maps, scrapbooks, and an outstanding set of posters, thirty-four in number, showing the Boards of our United Lutheran Church and the work each is doing.

A large wooden Luther League emblem in colors, made by a ten year old Junior from St. John's, Kutztown, Pa., and large white arbors filled with flowers made by the same Juniors; wooden Bible Bookcases, filled with the 66 books of the Bible, from Advent, New York City, and Galveston, Texas, Juniors; oil cloth maps of our mission stations decorated with the products of the countries. Reading Course Posters and Calendar Posters from the Erie District Juniors; a model of Solomon's Temple and the Christmas Manger Scene, both carved from Ivory Soap, by the Alsace Juniors.

A set of handmade missionary flags from Texas; a large Sheepfold made by the Little Leaguers of Grace, Reading, while studying the Twenty Third Psalm; Japanese, Hindu and African Villages, from Alsace Juniors; a Luther League quilt from St. John's, Mohnton, Pa., and another quilt from Peace, Riverside; a unique flag made from colored paper rings from Hope, Reading; a set of handpainted cards on the Children of the Bible, from the Orphan Home at Zelenople, Pa.; material for social activities from Johnstown District; sewing and colored Bible story pictures from Canada Juniors—these are just a few of the many outstanding things which greeted the eye.

A large Orange Chart with the Juniors' pictures on the oranges came from California. A large basket of Georgia peaches headed Georgia Juniors' display which included a fine array of colored cards.

Connecticut sent some posters. Illinois sent an array of sample invitations. Indiana's contribution was a fine exhibit of Sewing, and Iowa had books of the Bible charts.

Maryland's display included some fine silhouette posters of Alaskan and Dutch children, excellent Scrap books on Church Symbols, Indian, Immigrant, Jewish and other work of our Board of American Missions, built up Bible and Missionary Posters, and Booklets.

Michigan had an exhibit of "Little Leaguer's" work; Nebraska sent Attendance and Birthday Rolls; North Carolina, Posters; Ohio

had a noteworthy display of posters and scrapbooks on the five fold program of the Junior League, including posters on the Life of Christ, our Church and its work, an array of Luther Booklets, posters and invitations, and posters showing the various phases of Junior League activities.

New Jersey's display was one of the most outstanding. A large booth was given over to them with a display of Japan. Cherry blossoms, lanterns and parasols decorated the booth in which was displayed posters, scrapbooks and invitations on Japan, curios, loaned by Rev. Fred Heins, books from the Literature Headquarters on Japan, a Japanese Village, Japanese flags, and a large Japanese Garden, made by the New Jersey Juniors. These Juniors are all ready for our new objective!

Pennsylvania's exhibit included about everything! Aeroplanes and a fine collection of sewing from the York District, Twelve Point Program charts from the Altoona District, missionary posters from the B-M-C District, Catechism posters from Philadelphia, scrapbooks and posters scattered throughout the room, were among the work not already mentioned from Pennsylvania.

A unique display was arranged in one of the large department store windows to advertise the convention, and in this a splendid collection of articles selected from the Junior Exhibit, as well as Intermediates and Seniors, attracted much attention.

At the Junior Rally on Sunday five ribbons for excellent exhibits were awarded: black, fifth prize, to Maryland Synod Juniors for scrapbooks and posters; red, fourth prize, to Porto Rico Juniors, for their unique collection; white, third prize, for their missionary material, to New York Juniors; blue, second award, to Ohio Juniors for their complete exhibit on the program of the Junior League; and gold, first prize for the Japan exhibit of the New Jersey Juniors.

JUNIOR DISCUSSION GROUPS

The Junior Leaders met on Friday afternoon under the leadership of Miss Mehlhouse and discussed "Material." Their chief finding was that there is so much material available that a choice must be made, not all can be used. It was also stressed that more important than material, more vital than even methods, is the Child, and our aim is to strive to develop in the Juniors a Christian character and to lead them to know the Christ.

Mrs. Whiteleather, Ohio Junior Secretary, spoke on State Institutes and how to plan; Miss Helen Wenzel, on Missionary Material; Sister Alma Boats, of Ohio, on Bible Material; Mrs. Charles Heffner, of Berks District, on the Reading Courses, and Church and Luther material was considered.

On Monday Morning, under the able guidance of Miss Emma Gusky, "Methods" were considered. Miss Gusky splendidly led in telling how the meeting should be conducted, how to use the topics, how to teach the Juniors to pray, how to secure daily Bible Reading, and other vital parts of the Junior program. She was adequately assisted by some of the Junior workers.

The Juniors themselves were assembled in their own groups under the direction of Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, on Friday, who led them in a discussion of the work of each Junior officer, and presented the plan of a training class for the Juniors. On Monday Miss Ida Blomquist was their leader, and they considered how to best use the Junior Topics, the Reading Course and Twelve Point Program.

Though the time went so rapidly that all would have liked more in these groups, the mutual exchange of ideas was most profitable to all.

THE JUNIOR RALLY

With gaily streaming banners, with colorful decorations, capes, shoulder bands, arm bands, streamers, Japanese parasols, scarfs, and every sort of decoration in the Luther League colors, the Juniors presented a bright and lively picture before Grace Church on Sunday afternoon, as the photographer lined them up to get a snap.

Over a thousand crowded the church to see them in action and hear the interesting program they had arranged. The Kindergarten Orchestra of Alsace Junior League rendered a number of fine selections as the audience was assembling.

Master Robert Steubner, of Hope, Reading, Junior Luther League, presided. An address of welcome was made by Master Stanley Fegley, and the response was given by Master Paul Miller Kinports, Jr., the son of the General Secretary.

The audience joined in the singing of the Junior Convention Hymn, "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Berks District Juniors then gave a demonstration of the work of the Junior Department in a series of short exercises which vividly portrayed what the children are learning. Grace Juniors led with an exercise, "The Twelve Point Program," with the aid of twelve "traffic cops" which they carried. A charming little lady in white with pink bows and sash and a little boy in overalls and ragged straw hat represented the children of America and Porto Rico and gave a most interesting dialogue. They came from Redeemer, Oakbrook. "The Junior Topics" was uniquely presented by Grace, Shillington, each Junior carrying a poster to illustrate the various topics.

The "Little Leaguers" of St. John's, Kutztown, were heard in an interesting demonstration, followed by Peace, Riverside, who in their exercise, "Something For Others," showed the missionary work of the Juniors and what they do for others. "Daily Bible Reading" by a group of Hope Juniors, carrying their Bibles; a vivid demonstration of the Junior Reading Course by a Junior from Alsace; "Handwork" by a group from St. Luke's, carrying specimens of the handwork which they have done; the story of the Good Samaritan acted out by the Juniors of St. Mark's, Birdsboro; these followed in rapid succession.

A quiz on the "Catechism" was cleverly given by Advent, West Lawn, followed by a series of Questions and Answers on Martin Luther by St. Mark's, Reading. A recitation by Betty Eisenbrown, a Junior of Trinity, Reading, in Japanese attire and parasol, concluded this part of the program.

Greetings to the Juniors from the General Secretary, Rev. Paul M. Kinports, and a Blackboard Talk by Mr. Alvin Schaediger, President of the New Jersey State League, was followed by the presentation of the awards for the Exhibit displays by Mr. Harry Hodges.

"Our Visitors" came next, with greetings from New York Juniors, brought by Clarence Paul Dittmer, son of the President; Jean Eveler and Margaret Koehler for the Maryland Juniors, who sang a greeting song; Catherine and Josephine Suppa from the Italian Junior League in Philadelphia who sang an Italian song.

"Our Deaconesses" was presented in two talks on the work by Sister Alma Boats and Sister Bessie Engstrom, both of Ohio.

"Our Missionaries" was presented by Miss Corinne Menges, who with her two dolls brought greetings from South America, Miss Ethel Mosteller, a returned missionary, who spoke for the Juniors of the Virgin Islands, and Rev. Irshick, who with the aid of the Alsace Juniors brought greetings from India and gave a fine demonstration of a native school in India.

"Our Guest" was Miss Carmen Villarini, our Junior Secretary in Porto Rico, who brought the greetings of the Porto Rico Juniors and told of the work among the Juniors there.

The Junior Secretary spoke a few words and at the close Mrs. Ralph Swavely, who planned the Rally, introduced to the audience Mrs. Annie Mehlhouse, the Junior Secretary's mother. The Junior Secretary was proud to have her introduced.

A word of thanks, from Mrs. Rena Whiteleather, Ohio's Junior Secretary, in behalf of all the Junior workers, to the Berks District superintendents and Juniors who made the meeting possible, followed.

The singing of the Junior Rally Hymn and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Ernest Weber, closed the meeting.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

On Monday morning before the whole convention the Junior Department demonstrated its program.

Master Stanley Fegley, of Grace, Reading, Junior League, presided. Standing before an improvised "mike", he spoke in radio terms, broadcasting the program.

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us" was sung in opening. The Alsace Kindergarten Orchestra rendered a selection.

Mr. Charles W. Fuhr presented to the Luther League of America the insignia designed by a Pennsylvania Junior for the Junior Department. This is a large shield shaped design, with the Luther League emblem in the centre and the initials Jr. L. L. at the top of the design, and will be used hereafter in all the literature of the Junior Department. The Junior designing this insignia was introduced to the convention, and the same was accepted by the Junior Secretary.

Jean Eveler and Margaret Koehler, of Washington, D. C., uniquely demonstrated the meaning of some of our "Church Symbols". With a large notebook in which were clearly shown in red some of the designs commonly used on the altar and chancel furnishings of our churches, they described the meaning and use of each.

Emily Salzer, a Junior from New York, who two years in succession won prizes in the Essay Contest, spoke on the "Junior Reading Course" and read one of her prize winning essays.

A group of "Little Leaguers" from Grace Junior League, Reading, in costume, led by Frances Kreisl, sang a missionary carol, "The World Children For Jesus". Eskimo, Japanese, Indian and a little African girl joined in this unique chorus in rapid succession.

The second part of the program was devoted to the Junior Secretary's report. Miss Mehlhouse reported—614 registered Junior Leagues, 16,000 Juniors enrolled, 277 on Honor Roll, 76 Gold Star Leagues, \$1,014.24 contributed to Porto Rico; \$276.74 to South America, \$1,134 to the Sustaining Membership, \$25 a special gift at Christmas to India; \$2,102.60 for local work, \$1,146.56 contributed for benevolence and \$1,717.73 for special mission work; 30 Leagues belonging to "Good Neighbor Club", 90 rallies held on "Nation Wide Junior Rally Day", 2 National, 4 state institutes held; 246 Leagues using the Topics; 254 the Program Packets; 292 with Juniors as officers; 277 with Juniors taking part in the meetings; 233 public meetings held; 256 Leagues doing something for others; 2,723 Junior daily Bible readers, 211 Leagues taking their Juniors to conventions; 200 Leagues contributing to the Junior Objective; 167 using the Reading Course; 51 Leagues helping others and 161 special meetings at Easter; 44 helping others and 98 special programs at Thanksgiving; 72 helping others and 166 special programs at Christmas; 455 socials and 136 picnics; 150 Leagues helping their own church, giving to building fund, gown for pastor, pictures, etc; 94 Leagues doing some special Inner Mission work, cards and flowers to sick; scrapbooks and gifts to hospitals, gifts to orphan home, boxes to homes, etc; 36 Leagues doing special Home Mission work; helping our Jewish and Immigrant work, our Indian mission, boxes to mountain mission, etc; 43 report special foreign mission work, boxes to foreign mission stations, helping support missionary, missionary programs, etc.; 205 Leagues reported handwork, as evidenced by the Junior exhibit; 198 Leagues reported special memory work, hearing of Bible verses, prayers, catechism, hymns, prayers, Creed, etc.; 104 use the Little Leaguers programs, 79 promoted to Intermediate League; there were 65 Junior Mission Study Classes, 61 classes on "Martin of Mansfield"; 3913 Juniors attended at least 20 church services a year.

This cross-section view of the work of the Junior Department was given with the aid of forty or more Juniors, each of whom came to the platform bearing a large placard giving the figures.

Miss Mehlhouse next announced the 41 Gold Star Leagues and presented the Certificates, which were accepted by Miss Dorothy Quier, of Trinity, Norristown, Pa. The State dolls from the Doll Show were next presented to the convention by a dozen or more little girls, and following this the "official" Junior family, the Kinports and Dittmer Juniors were introduced. The Wolf Juniors were unable to be present. The visiting Juniors from outside of Pennsylvania were next presented, and Contributing Memberships were presented to these Juniors.

Miss Mehlhouse's "Junior League of Nations" was next introduced—Mr. Norman Berner, who spoke on behalf of the Canada Juniors; from the Italian Junior League in Philadelphia, Catherine and Josephine Suppa; Dorothy Taylor, a little colored girl from the Junior League of the Settlement House in Philadelphia; Miss Florence Singles, nurse of our Virginia Mountain Mission, who spoke for the two Junior Leagues at Whitetop, Virginia; greetings from the Virgin Islands and South America Junior Leaguers; greetings by

two Juniors for the Juniors of India, and a word from Rev. Fred Heins and two Juniors in Japanese attire, with the hope that some day we may have some Junior Leaguers in the Sunrise Kingdom.

The presentation of a banner from Porto Rico to the Reading Juniors, passed on from the Omaha convention by Miss Thelma Wenk, Nebraska State Secretary, and accepted for the Reading Juniors by Dorothea Bittner, of St. John's, Kutztown, closed the Junior Secretary's report.

The third part of the Junior Session presented some vital phases of Junior work. Miss Emma Guskus presented the work the Juniors are doing for others in her talk, "Doing for Others." "We must study first," Miss Guskus said. She explained the Junior Reading Course and then made the awards for the two years' work in this Department. Honorable mention for a perfect record went to St. Luke's, Springfield, Ohio, and Holy Trinity, Hollis, N. Y. Highest honors were captured for the best record by St. John's, Mohnton, Pa., who secured 83 Juniors reading every book. They were presented with a complete set of the new Reading Course books, and the other Leaguers received "Little Leaguers" courses.

Twelve Juniors received Luther League pins for winning the Essay Contests, writing the twelve best essays on books in these Courses. Alverda Hardenberg and Rose Ellen Marx, of St. Peter's, Creston, Nebraska; Arlene Mohn, Elva Ruffner, Ada Price, and Edward Warren Price, of St. John's, Mohnton, Pa.; Emily Salzer and Ethel Merklen, of Hollis, N. Y.; Ada Margaret Kammel, of Grace, Rochester, Pa.; Saida Waida and Arthur Spears, of Trinity, Victoria, Texas, and Evelyn Main, of Bethany, New York City.

Miss Guskus said, "After studying we must do"—and then continued by describing the work of our "Good Neighbor Club," where strong Junior Leagues adopt a mission League and send material for their work, and she concluded with a plea for more Juniors to join this Club.

Miss Carmen Villarini, Porto Rico, was the next speaker, and she brought the greetings of the Porto Rico Juniors, told of the kindergartens there and their needs and the work of the Junior Leagues there, their meetings, the Junior Topics translated in Spanish, their rallies, etc.

Miss Eva Stiltz, of Philadelphia, writer of one of the week day school text books and a specialist in Primary work, next spoke, particularly emphasizing the work of the "Little Leaguers." She dwelt on the ability of the children in these days and stressed the thought that we must keep pace with them and the latest developments in religious education. "Are you meeting the challenge of the four year olds—the five year olds—the six year olds?" was Miss Stiltz's challenge. "Are you caring for them in the Junior League? You have adequate and splendid material for them."

Mrs. Ralph Swavelly, Pennsylvania's Junior Secretary, next spoke on "Materials." "There is more than enough on hand," Mrs. Swavelly said in part. "We must use new methods in dealing with the children. Study the new plans in religious education. Study the new material. Study the Junior program and material. It is a challenge. You cannot afford to refuse this to the children—you dare not. It is the foundation of our Junior League work."

Rev. Ernest Hoh, of Pottstown, Pa., was the next speaker. He said, "It depends on how we say 'Those Boys'." If we say it with a sigh and have the attitude that they are a problem—a problem they will be. If we say it hopefully with the thought that they are a great opportunity and consider them as such, we will have a great force in our Junior Leagues. Rev. Hoh then proceeded to outline some plans for the boys.

The last speaker was Rev. Paul Heisey, Professor of Religious Education at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Dr. Heisey was so pressed for time that his subject hardly received full consideration, but his thoughts on "Of Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven" emphasizing the importance of the child, gave the delegates much food for thought.

The Junior Session closed with the singing of the Junior Rally Hymn.

THE JUNIOR LUNCHEON

Fun and good fellowship prevailed at the Junior Luncheon held Monday noon at the Y. M. C. A. Four hundred guests were present.

The Alsace Kindergarten Orchestra again served by rendering a number of selections as the guests gathered.

The Luncheon Committee worked hard and the results of their efforts were evident. The decorations, hundreds of Japanese lanterns and parasols, mingled here and there with butterflies and bluebirds turned the room into a Japanese garden.

At each place were heaped favors of all sorts made by the Juniors in all parts of the Country. Each guest received about fifteen! They were mostly sample invitations which the leaders could carry away and use as invitations for their own Junior League. From Porto Rico were book marks with the League emblem; Ohio sent a thousand nut cups which were filled with salted peanuts and candy; peanut dolls came from Nebraska and Allentown District. Book marks cleverly made of the linings of envelopes came from St. John's, Syracuse, N. Y.

B-M-C and Brooklyn Districts made booklets with large Luther League emblems; Trinity, Victoria, Texas, made the napkin holders, hand-painted with their State flower; Springfield, Ohio, Juniors put their bid for the national convention with pointers decorated with the emblem; butterfly crickets came from the Troy, N. Y. Juniors; large League emblems from St. Luke's, Farmingdale, N. Y., and St. Peter's, Corydon, Ind., added to the array.

The Canada Juniors sent Pine Tree Christmas meeting invitations. "Junior League—Ites" clever little dolls made from sewing silk, and nut cups came from St. John's, Northumberland, Pa.; pipe stem cleaner dogs from Trinity, Johnstown, Pa.; tulips from the Italian Juniors in Philadelphia; flag pins from the Texas Juniors; autograph albums from Trinity, Rochester, N. Y. and St. Mark's, Indiana, Juniors. Carnations in League colors were sent by the Juniors of Gethsemane and St. Mark's, Indianapolis; small Bibles from Alsace Juniors, and pretzels tied with the League colors from the Berks Juniors. There were more favors than we may have missed!

Daniel Klohs, eight years old, entertained with a violin solo; Dorothea Bittner gave a humorous reading; marimba selections were much enjoyed from Emily Kindt, and the "song ladies" of Alsace entertained with funny songs. We are indebted to these Juniors.

"Herb" Fischer entertained with some of his magic tricks and kept everybody in good humor, as he always does.

Three of the Juniors had birthdays during the convention and a birthday party for Emily Salzer, of New York, and the twins, Josephine and Catherine Suppa, of Philadelphia, was next in order. They were presented with a large birthday cake, and a number of little birthday gifts, with best wishes for many happy birthdays.

On behalf of the Juniors of America, Mrs. Swavelly next presented to Miss Villarini a Luther League Memory Book, in which she could put all the mementoes of her trip to the convention.

Marimba selections as the guests dispersed concluded the program.

THE JUNIOR SECRETARIES' DINNER

On Friday night the State and District Junior Secretaries and a few invited guests gathered at the Thomas Jefferson Tea Room for a dinner in honor of our Porto Rico Junior Secretary, Miss Carmen Villarini. After an hour of fellowship, a few words of greeting were brought by Mr. Norman Berner, Canada Junior Secretary; Miss Thelma Wenk, Nebraska's Secretary; Mrs. Rena Whiteleather, Ohio; Ida Blomquist, for New York; Mildred Gartlemann, for Georgia; Mrs. Swavelly, for Pennsylvania; and Sister Alma Boarts, of Ohio; Evelyn McDowell, Harrisburg; Hannah Stuber, Allentown, for their respective Districts. Mr. Charles W. Fuhr made a few remarks.

Miss Barbara Wiegand, district secretary of the Maryland Synod then in a few well chosen remarks presented Miss Villarini with a corsage bouquet and asked that the Juniors of Porto Rico and America clasp hands in fellowship and work. (She added another bouquet for the Junior Secretary.)

The favors were peanut dolls and Luther League emblems from Nebraska, and autograph albums from Indiana, which were used by the guests to serve as a souvenir of the occasion.

THE "DOLL SHOW"



Yes the Juniors were "all dolled up" for the Convention! Rows and rows of dolls greeted the delegates when they came to the convention. Bright and laughing dolls! Small and soberly dressed dolls! Dolls from a dozen States! Dolls from Canada! Dolls from Porto Rico! A League of Nations of dolls!

There were about a hundred sent by the Junior Leaguers from all over the country and were one of the centers of attraction. Topping off the Show was a big doll in a gay blue dress made by the Juniors of St. Paul's, Akron, Ohio. Equally smart was an old fashioned doll sent by St. John's, Kutztown, Pa., dressed in a hoop skirt and a dress in the Luther League colors.

Smiling merrily on a shelf below was a bit of sunny Italy itself, "Miss Italia" decked out in brilliant colors, dressed by the Italian Juniors in New York City. A pious minister and a prim deaconess came from Allentown, a Red Cross Nurse from our mountain mission in Virginia. An anthracite coal miner from Shenandoah, Pa., Juniors, a black doll from Nebraska, two rag dolls from Porto Rico, were all at home together side by side upon the shelves.

"Johnny" from Bethlehem, Harrisburg, a doll in cowboy style cleverly made from an inner tube; "Miss Grace of Reading", a little lady in light blue, leading five other dolls each in one of the League colors and representing the five departments of our work, Education, Missions, Life Service, Intermediate and Junior; dolls in pastel colors from the Erie District; dolls in trunks with complete wardrobes, baby dolls; crying dolls; a lovely bride from New York—these are just a few of the many lovely dollies who visited the convention.

A doll from each state was selected to represent each state and these dolls were presented to the convention on Monday morning. From these "Miss Junior Luther League of America" was selected—the lovely little lady in blue with Luther League hat and decorations—a large doll, from St. Paul's, Akron, Ohio.

"Ruth" from Milliflumen, Pa., Juniors is now on her way to Porto Rico with Miss Villarini; "Miss Grace of Reading" has started on her way to the Junior Leaguers of India; "Miss Vandergrift" from First Junior League, Vandergrift, Pa., has gone to the Virgin Island Juniors; and "Miss Nancy St. John", from St. John's, Washington, D. C., with trunk and wardrobe complete, is now starting with Miss Corinne Menges on her trip to South America. The other dolls are all sent to the Topton Orphan Home, near Reading, to gladden the hearts of the children there.

SENIOR TOPICS

NOTE: The last Sunday of September is Luther League Day and will be observed throughout the Luther League of America. Celebrate Luther League Day in your League, September 27, 1931. A special four-page service is ready for you if you care to use it. Write to Luther League of America, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, for a sample copy. The price is \$1.50 per 100 postpaid. It is "A Loyalty Service for Luther League Day." If permitted, have the service at the Vesper Hour for the congregation. Be sure to observe Luther League Day.

September 6, 1931

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

PRAYER: JESUS' TEACHING AND EXAMPLE

Luke 11:1-13

Bible Readings appear in the Topics Quarterly.

Hymn Suggestions appear in the Topics Quarterly.

Questions for Discussion appear in the Topics Quarterly.

Give the best instance of answered prayer in your life?

A very earnest Christian saw the stock market drop to where it meant financial ruin for him. Would it have been right for him to pray that the market hold steady until he sold his stock?

What did you discover in the consideration of this topic that may lead you to a better prayer life?

Topics for Three-Minute Talks

How may we vary our prayers?

Can everybody pray in public?

How may we train persons to pray in public?

Give three illustrations in the New Testament of prayers.

Thoughts on the Topic

Lessons on prayer occupied an important place in the teaching of Jesus. We find in the New Testament many passages of scripture where Jesus spoke to His disciples on the subject of prayer. He directed the disciples' attention to the necessity of prayer. Prayer is a necessity of spiritual life and all who earnestly try to pray soon feel the need of being taught how to pray. This need to know how to pray was evident with the disciples. Therefore:

The Request

One day Jesus was praying as was no doubt His custom every day to pray. One of the disciples, after hearing Jesus pray, came to Him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples." From this we learn that the prayers of Jesus must have been impressive. They made the disciples think of their own weakness in prayer life. This request was the appeal of the hearts which felt that they were not praying as they should or as well as they should. We also learn from this request of the disciples that Jesus besides praying alone, also prayed in the company of the disciples. We are also called upon to pray in the League meeting or when in company with others. So we, as the disciples, want to know how to pray better. As the disciples felt the need to know how to pray, so we often feel our need to know how better to express the desires of our hearts in public prayer.

The Answer

"He said unto them, when ye pray." If the Lord Jesus needed to pray, how much more do we! He took time for prayer; we take so little. He spent a long time in prayer; we hurry through to get to the "Amen." What loss there is in our lives because we do not take

time for prayer! Jesus not only says, "When ye pray" but He also says, "Pray ye!" Not only each one for himself; notice the command is in the plural, we must all pray together at times, as one great body of God's children. Our prayers are also to be for all men. Therefore there is need to give more thought to our prayers.

A pastor some time ago said that one of his members told him that the most tiresome part of the service was the general prayer at its close. It is only too true that our devotion sometimes lags at this point. The pastor does the praying and the congregation the listening. We sometimes feel that it is the work of the pastor to do all the praying. Let us do the praying in our League meetings and not depend upon the pastor always for prayer. We should learn to pray and to learn to pray we go to our Lord for His answer to our request.

The Lord's Prayer—A Model Prayer

The Lord's Prayer contains an Introduction, Seven Petitions, and a Conclusion. Let us discuss these briefly.

Introduction. "Our Father who art in Heaven." God is our Father and we are His children through Christ our Saviour. He is our Heavenly Father. As a Father God loves every member of His family equally. Therefore we say "our" and not "my" Father. Heaven is the seat of God's government, the region of holiness and enjoyment, the abode of the angels and the saints. In prayer we have to draw the heart away from all the material and created things, that we may converse with God in Heaven.

First Petition. "Hallowed be Thy name." In praying this petition we ask that God not only hallow His own name, but cause it to be hallowed. We remind ourselves also of the shocking sin of a profane use of the mention of any of the names by which God is made known to us.

Second Petition. "Thy kingdom come." In this petition we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed and the kingdom of grace and glory may be advanced. We also pray that the gospel may everywhere be preached, believed and obeyed, and that all men may yield themselves to Christ as their Saviour.

Third Petition. "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We pray that we may be made able and willing to submit to God's will in all things. To submit to all His dealings with us and suffer patiently when He lays a cross on us. May faith prompt us to say, "Thy will be done."

Fourth Petition. "Give us this day our daily bread." We pray that we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life and enjoy them with His blessing. That God is mindful of our wants and that we should look to Him for the needful supplies of each day and hour.

Fifth Petition. "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." We pray that for Christ's sake all our sins may be pardoned, and that we may be enabled by God's grace, from the heart to pardon others. That ill will, a spirit of revenge, or even a want of kind regard toward any of my fellow men, will justly stand in the way of my receiving pardon and love from our Heavenly Father.

Sixth and Seventh Petitions. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We pray that God will either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted. That it is

our duty to keep out of any situation where we may be strongly tempted or inclined to violate God's command.

Conclusion, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." We pray all praise to God, ascribing all rule and power and glory to Him. The kingdoms of earth and their glory pass away; but the kingdom and power and glory endure evermore.

To pray this prayer which Jesus taught us and to pray it aright requires that we see and grasp the mind, the meaning, the will of Christ in it. That we have an earnest, heartfelt longing to have and use every good we pray for in the petitions. That we may have spiritual wisdom to apply each separate petition to our present need.

Five Important Points In Prayer

Period for prayer—"When thou prayest"

Place for prayer—"Enter into thy closet"

Privacy in prayer—"And when thou hast shut the door"

Persons in prayer—"Pray to thy Father which seeth in secret"

Promise in prayer—"And thy Father which seeth in secret Himself will reward thee openly."

September 13, 1931

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE GREAT DOCTRINES OF CHRISTIANITY?

I Timothy 3:14, 15

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The scripture lesson points out to us some important events in the life of our Lord. These important events begin with His incarnation. These events reach through the intermediate period to the time of His exaltation. Take away the divinity of Christ, His example, His teachings, His promises and the whole body of faith becomes cold and lifeless as a body from which the spirit has fled.

Yes, there is some mystery involved in these facts. We cannot understand everything. It is impossible to comprehend. Our own finite minds cannot comprehend the mind of the infinite God. But it is the part of faith to take God at His word. Lutherans are taught to not reject these teachings because they do not understand them, but to accept them in faith and take God at His word. Wonderful beyond our thoughts are the manner and completeness and the glory of God's redeeming love for the world.

There are some practical lessons to be learned from our scripture selection. 1. It is our duty to believe and accept this wondrous redemption. Through His love for us, God pitied us, because we were lost to Him through sin. God then sent His Son, Jesus, as our Redeemer. He sent Jesus to save us from sin. 2. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Jesus, who bought us with His blood. All we have, all we are—our zeal, our worship, our praise, our faith, our love, any or all of these would be a poor method of attempting to repay the gift of our God.

God Manifest In the Flesh—Incarnation

When we want to know what God is, what God does, what God thinks, what God wishes, how God

governs the world, we have to look at Jesus Christ. Jesus is not only an historical character. He is a revelation. He shows God the Father to us. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." We have seen more than Christ—the living, personal Christ, we have looked upon Jesus, and therefore we have looked upon God. God came down from heaven and was as a man among men.

Justified In the Spirit

The spirit of Jesus was troubled when, as Judas sat at the table with Him and He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." It was in His spirit that Christ was affected when He saw all the evil in the world and the sin man was committing. He was moved with indignation in His spirit when He saw the hypocrisy of the Jews. This spiritual part of the nature of Jesus while the sphere of His intense suffering, was also the sphere of His intense joy and satisfaction.

Seen of Angels

"And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the Highest." "Then the devil leaveth Him, and behold angels came and ministered unto Him."

Preached Unto the Gentiles—Salvation

The same Christ seen of angels was preached among the nations of the earth and believed on in the world. To the whole world, to all the nations this Saviour belongs. He belongs to the black, white, red and brown races. He belongs to every kindred, tribe, and nation. He is the Saviour of all men. Whosoever believes on the Son of God shall have everlasting life.

Resurrection—Received Up Into Glory—Ascension

Jesus having finished His work on the earth, returned to heaven from whence He had come. He has gone to prepare a place for us. Jesus was crucified. Jesus arose from the dead. Jesus ascended into heaven. These are truths of the scripture that should always be held precious in our thought and heart. As Christ rose from the dead, so we are to rise from the dead. As Christ rose from the dead so we are to rise from the death of sin to newness of life in Him. As He lives and dies no more so we are to live in righteousness and no more become the servant of sin. As He lives and reigns throughout eternity, so are we to live and reign with Him forever. Those who follow Jesus daily, take up their cross and follow Him. Those who have accepted Him as Lord and Saviour, those who have followed Christ on earth, will follow Him still more in heaven. Having shared His sufferings here, they will share His reward there. They, too, will be "seen of angels" and "received up in glory."

September 20, 1931

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN SCHOOL

II Timothy 2:14, 15

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Thoughts on the Topic

The topic, "Being a Christian In School," is appropriate and timely. Many of us are back in school, while many who have the fine opportunity, are in the colleges and universities of our land. True education cannot be

exalted too highly. God has given us faculties and talents which have capability of an endless development.

Not only do they have the power of development, but there is a solemn obligation laid upon us by our Creator, Preserver and Redeemer, that we develop them. He sins who wraps up his mental talents in a napkin and does not increase them. They have been given to be increased in power.

The apostle Paul advised the youth Timothy to study. It is by this exercise of the mind that it is strengthened. Study is mental gymnastics; it is mind developing. Reading may not be studying. There are voracious readers who do very little thinking. To get mental good out of school life, concentrate the mind on the subjects to be mastered, understand rather than memorize.

The Christian Student

The Christian student should remember the end for which he has been sent into the world. To serve God. To promote His glory. To save our souls and the souls of others. Paul tells Timothy he had great reason to bless God that from a child he had known the Holy Scriptures. We also have learned from the Holy Scripture the things that will make us wise and prudent. In our school life let us remember some of these teachings. They are the fundamentals of our religion. Let us be assured that the foundation of God standeth sure. This will safeguard against teachings that tend to shake our Christian faith. The student to be a Christian in school ought to be:

Dutiful

Duty comes before pleasure, but pleasure—the highest type of pleasure—is derived from doing one's duty. There is a task, a challenge, a duty facing us. Before we attempt anything else, the task, the challenge, the duty must be met. In every walk of life—there are things we want to do and things we must do. That which we want to do must wait until that which we must do has been done. This is rather ideal but also practical. Practical because it is Christian. Christian because it is Christ-like. Christ put others first. He made the duty to His task paramount. "Knowledge is the hill that few may hope to climb; duty is the path that all may tread."

Maintain Health

The reason that we as Christians should strive to maintain health in connection with our school life is that a healthy and strong body is acceptable to God. Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost. Disease and sickness are sometimes brought about by our own carelessness or foolishness. The work that we are to do is sometimes hampered by having to give time to nursing our bodies. The body of a Christian should be clean. "Cleaness of body was ever deemed to proceed from due reverence to God."

Friendly

We must in this day and age learn to be more friendly. Friendship is like an echo. By that we mean that we get back what we give. We have stood at a distance from some high wooded hill and "hollered" and in a few seconds back came the answer, the echo. Even so in friendships, if you are friendly toward others they will be friendly toward you. One of the greatest dangers confronting us today is in the choosing of friends. They must be selected with care. We must remember that our Christian life must be main-

tained and that we should choose in our school life, good companions. You will be judged by others by the persons with whom you associate. "Birds of a feather flock together." Choose the clean and upright for your companions and friends.

Let Jesus be our guide in our school life. With all our getting of education let us not forget that the Word of God has a place alongside of your school books. Read the Bible in connection with your lessons and learn of the many other things that we should be and do as Christians in school. A farmer was once showing a boy how to plow a furrow. "Oh, that's easy," cried the boy carelessly, and at once set the plow in motion; but to his surprise it wobbled all over the field. "What are you looking at?" said the farmer. "Well, myself mostly," said the boy. "You will never plow a straight furrow that way," said the farmer, "lift up your eyes and look away from yourself, look straight ahead and see how you get on." The boy tried once more, but again with absolute failure. Wobble, wobble, went the plow. And again the farmer said, "Did you do what I told you; where were you looking that time?" "Well, you told me to look straight in front of me, so I looked at the old cow over there." The farmer laughed and said, "Of course, the plow wobbled as the cow moved; you must have a fixed object to look at; now fix your eyes on that tree straight ahead, and don't take your eyes off it." And that time the furrow was plowed straight.

It is unto the real Master of life that we must lift our eyes, the perfect standard of conduct and character. Submit yourselves in daily discipline to the things that are Christian in your school life. This is necessary to real manhood; freedom from infidelity of some teachings. Be a good Christian in school and we shall be blessed abundantly with a good life.

Are You Going to Observe Luther League Day?

Sunday, September 27, 1931

Write to Luther League of America, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, for a sample copy of "A Loyalty Service," prepared especially for this day. The price—\$1.50 per 100. Perhaps your pastor will permit you to use the Vesper Hour for a congregational presentation of Luther League Day.

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**Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
LUTHER LEAGUE DAY**

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Attainment and Progress

Philippians 3:16

Attainment and progress—progressing following hard upon attainment and attainment the basis of progress. That is our theme for this Luther League Day.

The Apostle Paul Speaks to Us

Dwell not overmuch, he says, on what you have accomplished. Keep an eye always on the goal ahead. Whatever you have done in Luther League for the church and for the extension of God's kingdom is trifling as compared with what remains to do.

Let us view the attainments therefore not as a goal,

but as a fresh starting point. Not as a place to rest, but as a new vantage ground on the march. Let us use the positions that the Luther League has captured as a basis for further operations.

A Sound Principle

The sound principle of life is growth. It is the law of biology that one must grow to live. It is the rule of business that one must study the markets and develop one's business to succeed. It is also a foundation of religion that one's talents and attainments must be used, else they will be taken away. It is therefore necessary for the Luther League to grow that the talents and consecrated service, time and money spent, work accomplished by those who gave their all to the work of the League, may not have been in vain and taken away, but success and development crown it all.

Two Alternatives

The temptation to rest. The call to advance. Every attainment brings with it an invitation to rest. There is always that temptation to withdraw from the strenuous activity of the League work and the numerous cares that an active Leaguer encounters in connection with his or her daily life. We often are tempted to retire to some quiet haven of rest. When our barns are filled with plenty, a voice ever whispers in our ear: "Soul, when thou hast much goods, take thine ease." Under some circumstances this may be permissible or necessary. So many times the voice of the tempter must be resisted, as we are able and ought to carry on in the work so well accomplished. We so often take the world's version of this message of the apostle: "Whereunto we have already attained, therefore let us rest," instead of the apostle's words: "Whereunto we have already attained, therein let us walk."

Over against this temptation to rest is the call to advance. Use your talents. Let your light shine, press on toward the goal. March forward from your attainments. Give your consecrated service to the advancement of our Luther League that we may continue to serve for those who are to be Leaguers in the future. It must always be remembered that all through history in music and art and poetry and religion there has been attainment. Remember also that where men attained in these arts new impulses and visions swept in upon their minds. From these vantage points they have gone forth again to scale the heights.

The important question that we should ask on this Luther League Day is this: Are we yielding to the temptation to rest or are we accepting the challenge to advance? Upon this answer depends the future of the Luther League.

Our Attainments

The past history and attainments of the Luther League show a marked spiritual development in the lives of our young people. Many of our former Luther Leaguers are now serving in the important offices and ministry of our church. Many of our former Leaguers are letting their Christian light shine in the business and social life of our country. Not every young people's organization can boast such a heritage as ours and with so rich a past it would be strange indeed if we did not look back upon our attainments. Let us have a sense of deep satisfaction and perhaps pardonable pride.

Point out many attainments. (Suggested "History of the Luther League.")

Our Challenge

Our motto should be "Noblesse Oblige." Our blessings, abilities, talents are given for service. Only by using them will we develop or even retain them. By so doing the future history of the Luther League may even eclipse its past. That this is our fervent wish and hope we have no doubt. Let us yield ourselves to the guidance of God, catch something of His vision, get in line with His great purposes, determine at all costs to go boldly forward for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Let us as Leaguers hear the word of the apostle to us. "Whereunto we have already attained, by that same rule let us walk." May success and the blessing of God crown our every effort for a greater and better Luther League.

INTERMEDIATE TOPICS

Attention! On the last Sunday of September we celebrate our 11th birthday. Instead of sending out a printed program, as was the case last year for our 10th birthday, I am letting you do the work. So, in order to be prepared in advance of the meeting, I suggest that you start right now to make the assignments as suggested in the body of the topic for September 27th. Happy birthday to you all.

September 6, 1931

WHY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL?

John 21:15-17

About the time of the teen age the question is raised, "Why go to Sunday School?" Arguments against going are legion. Here are some of them: "Sunday School is for children." "I've learned all there is to be learned at Sunday School." "I don't like so and so in my class." "John Jones doesn't have to go, why should I?" "I'm always too tired on Sunday mornings to go to Sunday School."

Don't you think these are silly reasons for not going to Sunday School? I can imagine that some of you snickered when these excuses were read. I don't blame you in the least, because they are so very ridiculous. In fact, any Christian youth with depth of character and sense of values would not be author of such weak statements, nor subscribe to them.

Let's suppose that you as a League group do subscribe to the above arguments against going to Sunday School, but that you attend regularly because you are required. With open minds then let us consider several reasons why you should go to Sunday School. Afterwards debate the question: "By going to Sunday School I am aided better to live the Christian way of life."

1. The first argument to be considered in defense of going to Sunday School is that by so doing I learn to love my Lord more and more. The act of attending Sunday School and church is fellowshiping with Jesus, and the more we are in the company of Him the more we will come to love Him. It was constant association with Jesus that strengthened Peter's love for the Master. The reason for Christ's insistence upon Peter's loving Him, according to our lesson, was because of the fact that he was about to leave the apostle for good.

Henceforth Peter would have to stand or fall on the basis of the depth or shallowness of his love for Jesus. You know that the only time Peter denied his Lord was when his Lord was out of his sight. But how quickly Peter felt shame for his conduct on seeing the Lord. Christians companying with Jesus are ever hearing the question, and answering it too, "Lovest thou Me?" Now answer these two arguments: "Sunday School is for children" (but what kind of children?), and "I've learned all there is to be learned at Sunday School." Was Peter a child? Yet he needed the company of the Lord to hold him fast to an unwavering faith. Can a person ever learn all there is to be learned about Christ and the Christian religion?

2. A second argument in going to Sunday School is that I am being influenced to do right as against wrong; to grow straight as over against crooked. Since it is human and natural to do wrong it goes without saying that we need to be propped up with the truth in order to do right and grow straight. On our street there is a row of elm trees that are crooked. There isn't a straight tree in the lot. Why? Did they grow that way since being planted in front of our homes? They were not properly cared for by the nurseryman as saplings. Youth who go wrong are in the large majority of cases not properly cared for through Sunday School instruction, home influence, etc. Experience proves out the fact that among the youth not attending Sunday School crime is rampant. In Allentown a Lutheran church, in the midst of a community that provided a few years ago a greater number of juvenile cases than any other section of the city, opened up a school of week-day instruction in religion. As many as 600 children and youth of that community go to the church during week days on released time from the public schools. As a result that neighborhood has been rid almost entirely of juvenile delinquency, and the problem of crime has switched to another section of the city.

3. A third argument for going to Sunday School is that I learn from Jesus to like all people. The fact that one stays away from Sunday School because of a dislike for a certain member of the class is proof of his or her not loving Jesus as they should. Did Jesus ever express a dislike for anybody? Isn't Christianity built up on love? Why profess a faith in the principle of love if unwilling to practice it in the most extreme cases? Human nature inside the church is much like human nature outside of it, so by learning to be charitable and tolerant within the church you are fitted to live in the world.

4. Another argument is this: We of the teen age are given a chance to express a voluntary willingness to do something that we ought to do. You say that John or Mary don't have to go to Sunday School, therefore you should not have to go. So you shouldn't have to go. But you should want to go. Christ doesn't have any place in His kingdom for "have to" or forced laborers, unless for those who are forced out of pure love to do His will. Only by the force of your love for Christ and His love for you should you go to Sunday School and attend to other religious duties. What is the second mile spirit referred to in Matthew 5?

5. The final argument is in answer to the excuse of so many, "I'm too tired on Sunday to go to Sunday School." Too tired! If so, for what reason? Is it an honest reason? Better be too tired to go to school on

Monday because of working hard for Jesus on Sunday, than to be too tired on account of excessive pleasures on Saturday night to go to Sunday School.

Discuss

1. How the influence of a consecrated Sunday School teacher helps me.
2. My closest friends are Sunday School friends.
3. Contrary to what some boys and girls say, it is not a sissy thing to go to Sunday School.

September 13, 1931

WHAT IS WRONG ABOUT CHEATING?

Acts 5:1-11

Read the story of Ananias and Sapphira. Answer these questions. Was it required of Ananias and Sapphira that they give the entire amount they received from the sale of their possessions to the apostles? Would they have been guilty of theft had they told the apostles that they were giving only a part of all they had received? If you answer "no" to these two questions give your reasons for the apostles finding fault with Ananias and Sapphira. Did they not tell the apostles that they were giving the entire amount? Read the 4th verse again.

Now let us ask ourselves the question, "What is wrong about cheating?" You are back in school, which fact makes it all the more timely that you should ask yourselves this question.

1. Let us consider cheating in the light of God's truth. Jesus, we are taught, came to earth to reveal to men the truth. There were men living in His day who were cheating their fellows out of the truth by withholding it, just as Ananias and Sapphira withheld part of the price of their possessions. The Pharisees left the people under the impression that they were getting the whole truth. Against such teaching Jesus spoke out most vehemently. He wanted men to have the ungarbled truth concerning God and their relationship to Him. To hide the truth was cheating God. Cheating, therefore, is wrong because it is contrary to God's truth.

2. It is wrong because man must have a common understanding in order to have dealings one with another. There must be a commonly accepted standard. Truth is that standard. A truthful man and a cheat cannot do business together. If we sell goods to one another by weight or by measure we must have scales and measures that are alike.

3. Honor, good name, virtue and integrity are our divinely determined scales of morality and social relations. Use any other humanly devised standards and you class yourself as a cheat. Youth cannot afford to cheat himself or his God by substituting any other standard than that set down by Jesus.

4. Cheating is wrong because it finally results in defeating the goal you hope to gain through it. Yes, for instance, cheating may get you by in an examination, but is that your ultimate goal in life? Is not school training intended to fit you for life outside and beyond the school walls? If you cheat in school, will you not likely be tempted to cheat once you are out of school? Cheating in an examination may fool the teacher, but it makes a fool out of you.

5. One cannot cheat for long without being caught. And once a person is caught cheating his name becomes

a house-word of gossip and derision. Isn't it better to have a good name than to slide through life as a cheat?

6. A cheat cannot expect to have the confidence of his fellows. Friendship is a business. A business man cannot hope to build up a successful trade by cheating. Neither can a lying person expect to have many friends, and none at all of any worth.

7. Cheating is wrong too because it makes you suspicious of other people's honesty and word. There are folks in this world who are guided by the philosophy that "all men are cheats." As a result they proceed on the theory that if they don't get the other fellow, the other fellow will get them. Right now the world is sorely in need of confidence. The World War, hard times, bank failures, etc., have about destroyed the confidence of men in one another. President Hoover's plan to give the nations of the world a year's vacation from financial obligations is most commendable, because it will go a long way in restoring confidence.

8. Cheating begets other sins. Let a teacher catch a pupil cheating, and will the pupil usually admit his act? No. Rather will he try to lie out of it. But supposing a person is not caught cheating. Is he not telling a lie just the same? Is he not lying to himself? The worst harm that cheating does is done to the person who cheats. It makes of him a betrayer of self. Self-respect is gone, honor is gone. Without these two cardinal virtues a person is in a state of abject moral poverty.

Discussion

1. If I had to choose between the sneaking method of a cheat and the open act of a thief, I'd choose to do the latter.

2. A cheat is like a snake in the sense that he crawls around under cover, and strikes without giving much or any warning.

3. It is said that many venomous snakes die as a result of biting other life. So the cheat kills himself in the end.

Debate

It is far better to fail in school than to cheat.

September 20, 1931

IS "GETTING BY" ENOUGH?

Proverbs 1:7; 10:14

Suppose we first explain our first scripture reference, Proverbs 1:7. It reads, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." What is meant by "the fear of the Lord?" In Old Testament piety it means "reverential trust." Just how does trusting in God help a person seek after knowledge? Well, when a person knows God well enough to trust Him that person seeks to do God's will. He realizes that God has endowed him with certain gifts that must be developed. Once this connection is made between man and his God, then man is at the starting point of knowledge. Whatever else man does relates itself to and depends upon the knowledge he has of God. Jesus said, "This is the will of Him that sent Me," and "I am come to do the will of My Father." You see Jesus Christ's knowledge began with God and nothing would swerve Him from the pathway of service toward the end for which He came into the world. "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" is the challenge that Jesus throws out to us.

Nothing less, nothing else, will satisfy God. To be a true Christian, we cannot just "get by" with the mediocre. It must be our best, or nothing at all.

On the other hand, the fool despises wisdom and instruction, because he knows not, let alone trusts, God. He feels no obligation is due God, so he spends his days in useless living. Though the fool may be a learned man, yet what knowledge he acquires is directed toward selfish and mean ends. Such men can get by in the world without a knowledge of God, but they won't get by God.

What is the kind of knowledge that is the result of fearing God? It is the type of knowledge that makes for the fullest use of self. The ten and five talented men, according to scripture, knew their Lord, consequently they doubled their respective talents. The one talented man did not know his Lord, although he thought him to be an austere man, and as a result he buried his talent away. Jesus said that "he came into the world that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly." Who wants to get by with anything less than the abundant life Jesus makes possible unto us all?

With this starting point for life definitely fixed in our minds, let us consider a few practical thoughts in connection with daily experience.

1. In school Jane plugs away at her lessons in order to obtain knowledge. She wants to learn. She seeks out information wherever and whenever possible. Mary is satisfied to get passing grades. She only does what is required of her by the teacher, and then only well enough to get by. Both girls go to work. Jane gradually advances higher and higher in her job. Mary makes little progress. Do you think that the habits of both girls while at school are reflected in their jobs?

2. Bill is careless about mowing the lawn. He doesn't think anything of letting the edges untrimmed. He knows that if he does the job half that his father won't complain. Henry, when he cuts the lawn, does a real job of it, because he likes to see a well kept lawn. Which boy is headed somewhere? Was it required of us in our work to satisfy others, or our best selves?

3. Two men lost both their legs. One man readjusts himself in his unfortunate plight and becomes a producer of some useful article by his hands. The other resigns himself to his fate and becomes a public parasite. Or one goes to an institution for the crippled, while the other begs on the street. Which of these two men is just getting by? For which do men have a high regard? Is getting by enough?

4. Two men own houses which they rent out. One man keeps his homes in good repair and seeks to make his tenants comfortable, the same as he desires for himself in his own home. The other neglects his homes and does not try to give his tenants the necessary comforts and conveniences of a home. Which is the more considerate? Which is just getting by?

5. Helen is careful about her manners, her dress and speech. She is deeply concerned about what others think of her. She is not trying to make an impression, merely wants to be an accepted member of her group. Martha is careless about how she acts around others. She doesn't care what other people think of her. To some she leaves the impression that she is a "knock-

out." Which is getting by for the moment? Which will get ahead in the end? Is getting by enough?

6. Stucco is a composition of stone and cement. Homes are covered with it instead of with wood or brick. My home has a stucco finish. The job looked like a good one on the day I bought the house, but now it's a mess. The builder got by all right, but I'm the goat. Is it likely that I'd buy another house from the same man? Might not my influence induce others not to deal with him? Did it pay that man to sell me a poorly stuccoed house? Is getting by enough?

Things to Think About

The unfortunate thing about "getting by" is that you make the other fellow suffer.

How like my house are some people, only stucco.

If one gets by on one lie, does it go to say that he'll always bluff his way out of trouble?

Is it worth the price to enjoy stolen wealth for a few years, only to spend the rest of life in prison?

Does a broken down body compensate for a few years of reckless and abandoned living?

September 27, 1931

OUR ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY

Psalms 116:12

To Leader: Today's topic is not handed out to you on a silver platter. It requires a bit of preparation several weeks in advance. Don't let that scare you, because the job isn't as hard as all that. By following the leads given below you should have no difficulty in getting up a mighty good program. Invite the Seniors into your meeting, also the parents of the members. Make it a big affair.

The Topic

Leader: On September 28th we will be eleven years old. Our natal day dates from the time of the appointment of an Intermediate Committee, in September, 1920. Prior to that time, and for many years, we were so mixed up with the Junior Department that no one recognized us in our borrowed clothes. All the while, however, our friends were striving to rescue us from the cradle and put us on our feet. When finally this was accomplished we were told to get out and dig. So, for the past eleven years we have been digging our way deeper and deeper into the hearts of the Luther League.

Leaguer: Today we occupy a strategic place in the movement of Lutheran youth under the name of the Luther League of America. More and more is the church coming to realize the potential possibilities inherent in its teen age youth. For the purposes of leadership training the church is turning toward us. We are more impressionable than at any other period of life. Decisions are made in the teen age that determine life pretty much. So we see camps, conferences, schools, etc., springing up everywhere under church leadership and guidance. We should recognize our place in the life of the church and do everything in our power to rally to her call by giving ourselves to every worthy service she holds out to us. Furthermore, each of us should count it a high privilege to follow the teachings of our church and make of ourselves intelligent and capable leaders for the church of tomorrow.

Leaguer: I see where there is plenty of work for us to do for the church as teen-agers through our organization, and as individuals. The pastor oftentimes has occasion to use us in various ways. Then too we wish that our church council would use us to take up the offering at the morning services. The girls like to sing, so a Junior choir could easily be organized from our

membership. Hymn books get out of order and need repair, why couldn't we do that job as a regular thing?

Leaguer: As an Intermediate organization within the League we are making no mean contribution to the church. We contribute to missions and help our local church in many ways. Many of our teen age youth are catching the vision of service for Christ. They are filling up the ranks of the Senior Leagues as the age limit of many Seniors depletes the ranks.

Leader: In order not to boast unduly of our importance suppose we prove our worth by now presenting some talks by our members. These talks are to be not more than three minutes long. The list of assignments that I made in advance covers a running story of the Luther League organization. Let's see what we can do. I'll first call on (name person), who will speak on the subject:

1. A brief history of the Luther League.

Leader: Next I will call on so and so who will speak on the subject:

2. Some important facts concerning the Juniors.

Leader: (Continuing as above and introducing each speaker to whom the following talks are assigned in advance.)

3. A short sketch of the Intermediate Department's history. (Reference: The September, 1930, issue of the Review.)

4. The three phases of the program of the Luther League of America.

5. The three great missionary projects of the Luther League of America. They are: Andhra Christian College, Buenos Aires and Porto Rico.

6. The aims of the Intermediate Luther League. (With particular reference to the points of the Sixteen Point Program.)

7. How the study of the Intermediate topics helps me.

8. How daily Bible reading helps me.

9. What our local League has done for the church.

JUNIOR TOPICS

September 6, 1931

A FRIEND IN NEED

(The Deaconess)

Preparation: Order from Literature Headquarters, 723 Muhlenburg Building, Philadelphia, copies of the free leaflet, "In His Steps," containing three brief stories of deaconess work. Assign to three Juniors the telling of the stories. If desired, a committee of Juniors may be appointed to select a portion of scripture and hymns appropriate to the subject.

Hymn: I Need Thee, Precious Jesus.

Scripture Reading (by a Junior): As selected by committee. The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37; The Love Chapter, I Corinthians 13; James 2: 1-8, 15-17, are suggested.

Stories (told by three Juniors): From leaflet, "In His Steps."

Hymn: Saviour, Teach Me Day By Day.

Conversation: Lead the group to think of friends or acquaintances who are ill or poor or lonely. "How could a deaconess help them? How can we help them?"

Taking them flowers or toys, running errands for them and similar services may be suggested. Explain briefly the deaconess work, a "ministry of serving love."

Sentence Prayers by Juniors.

Hymn: Who Is On the Lord's Side?

Activity: Dramatize in a simple way the story of The Good Samaritan. Make small gifts for children in a local hospital or other institution.

(Prepared under direction of Light Brigade Department,
Women's Missionary Society)

September 13, 1931 OUR BOOK FRIENDS

II Timothy 2:15

(Note to the superintendent: Make this meeting the time to introduce the new Reading Course to the Juniors and make plans for its use during the whole year. By beginning now there is time for circulating the Course among all the members. Make a poster—or better have the Juniors make them—to illustrate each book. This may be the title in large letters with an appropriate picture added, or they may be more elaborate. Explain clearly the plan—an award to be made at the end of the year for the best record—the Junior League having the largest percentage reading all the books. Also explain the Essay Contest—an award of twelve Luther League pins for the twelve best essays written on any of the books. Appoint a Committee to take care of this work during the year. Keep it before the Juniors. Send in the essays as they are written. Order the Reading Course at once. If you cannot purchase all the books, secure at least one book for this meeting.)

(Special Notice: The Junior League sending in by September 30th, the best set of posters to advertise the Junior Reading Course, or the Little Leaguers' Course, will be awarded their choice of one book of the Course. Now, get busy, Juniors! Let the whole League get busy and make posters advertising the different books, and send the best ones to the Junior Secretary by September 30th.)

Worship Period

The Bible stories and verses as given in the Junior Helper, given by five Juniors.

Hymn—"Holy Bible, Book Divine"

Prayer—the superintendent—that we may "study to show ourselves approved", that we may want to learn more and more of God's lessons, especially as given in the Bible, that we may make the Bible our best "Book Friend".

The Topic

(to be given by a number of Juniors)

Leader: We have a new set of lessons at school now. We are all anxious to get back to our books and learn the new things we are to hear this year.

So in Junior League we are to meet some new book friends. Books are always our friends, they teach us so much, they keep us company when there is nothing else to do, they fill our minds with thoughts and memories that will live with us all our lives. So our Reading Course is a friend that we like to be introduced to all over again each year. How we liked the Reading Course last year! Let us hear what the new books are about this year, and how we can use them.

(Each Junior should carry the book or a sign with the title.)

Junior: My book is "Open Windows!" It is a book of missionary stories. Through Open Windows we look out into the lands across the sea. We see the children of India, Africa, China, Egypt, and the islands of the sea. We'll not only read these stories, we'll study them and learn how we can help these boys and girls. Perhaps at the end of the stories we can arrange a little play, "Open Windows", invite our parents and act out some of the stories we have heard. Would it not be fun to dress up as these boys and girls of other lands and tell their stories?

(As a suggestion to the leader at the close of the study of this book a public meeting can be planned. Have a large "window" built by one of the boys, a window frame, and have the children in costumes of the different lands pass by the window, and stop to tell their story, as given in the book.)

Junior: We of course want some Bible stories in Reading Course. **Bible Story Reader, Book Five**, is a fine book, telling us some very fine stories. One of the first stories is the story of "The Scarlet Cord", the story of Rahab and the spies. The boys will like that story. will tell us this.

(Have Junior ready to tell story)

Junior: Did you know that now we have some new object for which to work? At the big Luther League convention held in Reading, Pa., it was decided that the next work of the Luther League of America is to be Japan. We Juniors want to help in this first as we want to learn more about Japan. My book is called "Where Day Dawns". It tells us interesting things about Japan and the people there. Here is a Japanese alphabet. (Holds up card on which is the alphabet copied from the book). I'm sure we all want to hear more about this book. There are so many nice things in it, recitation about Japan, stories, drills, poems, so many of them that we can study it all year and still not finish with it. How many of you want to read this book?

Junior: My book is "Fifty Stories for the Bedtime Hour". No it is not a book of stories for babies. It is filled with interesting stories for boys and girls. Many of them we can use in Junior League. Let us gather round in a circle while our superintendent tells us one of them. (Superintendent tells one story from book.)

Junior: (a boy) My book is "The Golden Goblet". Do you like tales of adventure, stories of brave knights and castles and war and brave deeds? This is a book you will like then. The lessons we learn from it will help us grow up into better men and women, too. We are not going to tell you all about this book, we'll let you find out for yourself some of the fine things it contains. It's sort of a surprise!

Junior: My book is "Junior Stewards of the Bible". It is not enough that we just read about the things we should do. We should do them also. This book helps us to know what we should do. It tells us many stories of the children of the Bible, how they used their eyes, their hands, their feet, their voices, in doing God's work! What about the little boy with his basket of lunch? Didn't he help? There are many others, boys and girls, about whom our Bible tells us who helped do God's work. It also tells us how we may help, by giving our time, our gifts, our money. Before we finish this book, we all will want to do more for others and to give our lives in His work. We'll study this book as well as read it.

A Little Leaguer: Can't we have some books, too?

Leader: Yes, indeed. Do you want to have some stories read to you? Well here are four books just full of stories you will love to hear (four "Little Leaguers" come to platform, each bearing a placard of one of the books of the "Little Leaguers" Course)

Leader: This book is "Wee Folks' Bible A B C Book." How would you like to learn some Bible A B C's?

Leader: This book is "Babo, A South Seas Boy". I am sure you will like the stories about the little boy who lived on an island far away in the sea.

Leader: This book is "Candy and Love", some fine stories about the children of India. Would you like to hear about elephants and India boys and girls and all the things they do in India?

Leader: And here is a book of Bible stories, "Bible Story Reader, Book One." I am sure you will like these stories and I know you will like the colored pictures.

("Little Leaguers" leave platform.)

Leader: I am sure that if we read these books this year we will not only have a lot of enjoyment, but we will learn many interesting and helpful things. Our superintendent will tell us some of the plans she has for these books.

(Superintendent should explain the books and just how they are to be used, urging all to read each book promptly, and write stories about each book read. It is well to start one book in circulation at a time, unless your League is quite large.)

September 20, 1931.

HELPING PORTO RICO

Isaiah 42:10

Worship Period

The Bible readings and the comments on same in the Junior Helper given by six Juniors, followed by a prayer for Porto Rico, our kindergartens, our Junior Leagues, our Junior Secretary and our workers there.

The Topic

A Visit to Porto Rico

(By Rev. Rudolph G. Schulz, Jr.)

(Suggestions for Junior Superintendents: 1. Write to League Headquarters, 806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa., for two copies of the new pamphlet entitled, "In the Land of Unending Summer." It is free. Not only will this pamphlet give the superintendent an acquaintance with the work of our church in Porto Rico but the many fine illustrations present opportunities for poster and scrapbook work for the Juniors. 2. Obtain or draw a map showing Porto Rico's proximity to the United States. 3. Upon separate slips of paper write the following names: Nieves Villarini, Rosario Ojeda, Berta Casas, Ana Luisa Saenz, Ana Luisa Dominquez. These are names of present or former Junior Luther League superintendents in Porto Rico. Have a few of your Junior Leaguers copy these names on the blackboard.)

Wouldn't you like to step aboard a huge ocean liner in the harbor at New York and then for four days sail on the great Atlantic? That is what all travelers do who leave New York for a visit to one of the most interesting isles in all the world. The name of that island is Porto Rico. And it is such a beautiful little land! Visitors never forget its palm trees, its mountains, its waterfalls and rivers. It is often spoken of as a land of unending summer. Truly, Porto Rico would be a wonderful place in which to live were it not for the fact that there are more people living there now than the little island can comfortably take care of. And whenever you have a land overcrowded you have people who are underfed. There are many, many poor people on this isle of the sea. Often children must go all day with scarcely more than a bit of sugar cane to eat. And saddest of all many hundreds of these people do not yet know our Jesus.

There is one thing about Porto Rico I know you will become excited about. Porto Rico is a land of Junior Luther Leagues! Of course I do not mean that all boys and girls belong to a Junior Luther League for there is a large section of this island which does not yet know our Church. But what I do mean is this: nearly every Lutheran Church on the island of Porto Rico has a Junior League! How proud it makes you feel to go from one church to another and have the pastor say, "Yes, we have a Junior League". Wouldn't you like to attend one of their meetings? Well, if you could speak or understand the Spanish language you would feel right at home at these meetings. For the Porto Rican Juniors sing the same hymns, use the same Topics, have the same Bible readings, present the same pageants that you do. Just one difference; our Porto Rican Juniors use the Spanish language instead of the English. In telling you this I have also told you what one of the big tasks of our missionaries is, namely, the

translation of all Junior material from the English into the Spanish language.

Supplying these Porto Rican boys and girls with suitable devotional programs is one way in which the Luther League of America is helping Porto Rico. But this is not all it is doing. In the city of San Juan there is a suburb known as the "Mountain of Flowers." Here the Luther League of America, with the help of the Junior Department, is building a beautiful new school. It is not a "grammar school" or a "high school" but a normal school. Graduates of this school will become teachers in our Lutheran kindergartens in Porto Rico. Perhaps your League is one of the many Junior Leagues which helped Porto Rico by contributing to the new Luther League School. Our gifts and our prayers must continue so Porto Rico may know more about Jesus.

Helping Those Who Help Themselves

(By Rev. Gustav K. Huf)

In the last few years we have heard a great deal about Porto Rico. In September 1928 there was a very severe hurricane and the whole world learned about the little island and rushed to help her. Governor Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the governor of the island has also done much to tell all in America about the needs of Porto Rico.

Porto Rico is an island of the West Indies separating the Caribbean Sea from the Atlantic Ocean. (Find it on the map. Perhaps one of the Juniors will draw it on the blackboard. At Reading we had a most novel map made by one of the Porto Rican Juniors. The outline of the island was drawn on a piece of wood and on it were pasted bits of colored glass, a different color for each province. Could some of the Junior boys make a map like that?)

The island is 1400 miles from New York, about a thousand miles from Florida, five hundred from Venezuela, South America, and a thousand miles from the Panama Canal. It is in a latitude five hundred miles south of Miami, Florida, and on an east and west line seventy-five miles south of Mexico City. The island is in the form of a parallelogram (find out what a parallelogram is) one hundred by thirty-five miles, with mountains rising as high as five thousand feet above the sea level.

We call this lesson "Helping Those Who Help Themselves". We always try to help all those who need help. But it is an added joy when those we help respond and try also to help themselves. We therefore send these facts to the Lutheran Church in America that you may know that the people of Porto Rico are helping in every way possible to help themselves.

Porto Rico is mountainous, yet there is little idle land. The people use every bit of soil, even the steep mountain sides. The chief products are sugar cane, tobacco, coffee and citrus fruits.

Because of the large population unemployment is a big problem. The industries of the United States such as straw hats, linen suits, pearl buttons, handkerchiefs, and fancy needle work have been introduced and the Porto Ricans are thus learning to help themselves.

In education they are also helping themselves. In thirty years the number of people who can neither read nor write has been reduced from eighty to forty per cent. There are rural schools, grammar schools, high schools, and the University of Porto Rico.

In the things of the Church the people also are helping themselves. Up until 1898 the Roman Catholic Church was entirely in control. Now the Gospel is preached to the people in their own language, Spanish; and more attend the Protestant services than the Roman Catholic. The people, though they are very poor, are faithful and loyal, and are trying hard to support their own churches.

Here is an example: The chapel in the village of Higuillar was built by the Porto Ricans themselves. The workmen donated one day's work out of every four. The chapel cost \$1,000.00. Of this the Board paid \$250, and the rest was given by the Lutheran Church in Porto Rico.

Five years ago the people of Sion Lutheran Church, Bayamon, felt the need of a larger building to take care of the Sunday School of over three hundred. Some of these people earn but fifty cents a day, but a campaign was started and the money raised to start the work. An annex costing \$1,100 was built; the Board paid half, the Porto Ricans the other half.

When the United Lutheran Church in America raised four million dollars for the Ministerial Pensions Fund, of course the missions were not expected to give anything. But the church of Santisima Trinidad, at Bayamon, with ninety members, pledged nine hundred dollars and are making payments.

It used to be that when improvements were needed that the Board had to pay. Now the people are anxious to do all they possibly can for themselves.

Yes, the Porto Rico people are learning to help themselves and all the help we can give them is repaid by the work they do.

Examination on the Topic

1. Locate Porto Rico.
2. Is it worth while to help the Porto Rico people?
3. Name some of the products of Porto Rico.
4. How is Porto Rico trying to find work for the people?
5. What about schools in Porto Rico?
6. What church was in control before 1898?
7. How has the Protestant Church grown since then?
8. Tell some ways in which the Porto Rico people have been helping themselves.
9. Shall we continue to help the Lutheran churches in Porto Rico?

(Note: Even though we have finished the Porto Rico Training School Objective, we must continue to help. Miss Villarini told us at the Reading Convention about the need of equipment and furnishings for the model kindergarten in the school. She also told the Junior Secretary about two kindergartens which are able to give the children a lunch, and about the three where they are not even able to give them milk and crackers. Can the Junior Leaguers continue their work for Porto Rico by helping with these funds? You will hear more about them!)

(Show the Juniors the picture of Miss Carmen Villarini, our Junior Secretary for Porto Rico.)

September 27, 1931.

LEADING OUR TOPICS

Proverbs 2:3-5

(By Miss Emma Gusky)

Worship

Prayer that each may do their part for better meetings. (Sentence prayers by each Junior)

The Topic

Very often it is said by Senior Leaguers, "if we only had better Devotional Meetings, we would have

a bigger and better League". If we expect to have "better Senior Leagues, we, as Juniors, must learn how we can do our part to have better Leagues now and in the future. In order to do this we must have more interesting meetings. Our Devotional Meetings usually consists of an opening service, the study of the topic and the closing. Today let us study how to lead the topics, divided into three parts, Prayer, Preparation, and Presentation.

Prayer. Our Scripture reference says, "yea, if thou criest after knowledge and liftest up thy voice for understanding", that we will find it. Now we as Juniors know that we must pray to God for help. Without His help we can do nothing. If we are to lead the topics in Junior League we should ask God's Divine Guidance and help in our work. If we are to be the leader, we should pray to Him to help us bring the message of the topic to the other Juniors. If we do this as Juniors we will continue it as Intermediates and Seniors. Let us then have a heart to heart talk with God before we even attempt the second part of the study, which is the preparation.

Preparation. If you are to lead the Junior League meeting how do you prepare for it? Although prayer is important, yet prayer without preparation is of no use. God is willing to answer our prayers, but we must do our share. Does preparation mean to begin to prepare our topics the Sunday of our meeting? No indeed? We should start at least two weeks in advance. During this time we can be gathering such material together which will fall in line with the topic, such as poems, clippings from Sunday School papers, The Lutheran, the Luther League Review. We can hunt stories, or Chalk Talk, or some special hymns, or some pictures which will fit in with the lesson. Each of us should lead the topic at some time, so these hints are meant for every member of the Junior League.

If the topic is a missionary lesson, the clippings, poems, hymns and all other parts of the program should be missionary.

Read over carefully all the material, as well as the material in the Luther League Review and in the Junior Helper, and use just what applies to your own Junior League. Do not try to crowd too much into one topic. A short topic well prepared is worth more than a long one not prepared.

Presentation. This is another long word, but I think most Juniors know what it means to present something to someone. Well, we mean to present a topic to the other Juniors—to tell them about the lesson in such a way that they will get some help and work from it.

Perhaps we have prayed for help and prepared our topic. Now we must give it before the League in such a way that it will be interesting and helpful.

The one leading the topic should try to get as many as possible to take part, by having a debate, a dialogue, questions and answers, short talks on the topic, reading of poems, or singing of special hymns that fit in?

The leader must know the aim of the lesson. The first thing the leader should do in preparing should be to ask, "what is the lesson which this Topic teaches?" Then the leader must try to put it across so that everyone will go home from the meeting knowing just what it was all about, and get something from it.

Everything in the topic should be talked over and the real message found and understood. If we do not do this our topic is lost.

Every topic should give us something to do. Each Topic has its lesson, and we should ask "now, we have learned about this, what can we do to help?" Often the leader can turn the meeting over to the superintendent at this point and she can tell the Juniors some way in which they can help the cause about which they have just learned. First study, then do. No topic is complete, no lesson learned until we have done something about it. Last week we heard about Porto Rico. We did not finish that topic until we voted to continue to help the work in Porto Rico in some way!

Let us therefore remember in leading the topics, to ask God in our prayers to help us and give us knowledge in order that we can prepare the topic and present it in the very best way, so that every Junior in the meeting can get a lesson from the topic.

And let each one of us when it comes our turn to lead the meeting, pray, prepare and present that topic in such a way that we may show others that we like Jesus when He was twelve years old are "about our Father's business."

PROGRAMS FOR THE "LITTLE LEAGUERS"

(For those little folks under eight, too small to read and to enjoy the regular Junior Topics.)
(Note to leader. This month we will have another set of missionary stories. Doubtless many of your little folks that you had early in the year are old enough now to go with the regular Juniors as you resume your meetings this fall and you have a few additional "Little Leaguers." Encourage all the little folks from four years up to come. You can with this set of stories review much of the missionary memory work, prayers, hymns and verses which you used with "Pedro and the Bells." The little folks like repetition and they have doubtless forgotten during the summer. Therefore get out your notebooks and follow the plan used in the lessons for January and February, using the memory work, etc., suggested.)
(For note books, make yellow books with a black camel on the front page, or black books with a yellow camel. On the inside pages three camels of various sizes can be pasted.) (Save these notebooks and send the best to the Junior Secretary at the end of the study of the book.)

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Tell story to end of page 28.
Teach some prayers and hymns as suggested in study of "Pedro" in January.
Make camels and put in note books

September 13, 1931.

Select memory work from some suggested in January and February Review topics.
Tell story to end of Page 40
Draw a house with black crayon and a palm tree with green crayon in book.

September 20, 1931.

Tell story to end of book.
Draw a Christmas tree in note book and decorate it with colored ornaments drawn with colored crayons.
Review hymns and prayers

September 27, 1931.

Have the little folks act out the story of the Three Camels. Let three be the camels, one the shopkeeper, some the little folks mentioned in the story and act out the story. Let them follow their own ideas. Take the story a little at a time and help play it. Invite the parents and have the notebooks on display. Sing the hymns, recite the prayers, and perhaps have the little ones retell the story in their own words.

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